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London de Burgeggestrete in quo continentur
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et Anno regni Regis Edwardi filii
Regis Edwardi. — xv.

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LIBER HORN

THE *Liber Horn*, preserved among the City's archives, is so called from Andrew Horn, a fishmonger of Bridge Street and for some years Chamberlain of the City, an office which he probably held at the time of his death in October, 1328. He was, moreover, a jurist of some repute, and is supposed by some writers to have been the author of the legal treatise known as *Speculum Justiciariorum*, or "Mirror of Justices," but this is open to question. However this may be, it is certain that he was addicted to legal studies, and more especially to the study of the laws and customs of the City of London, and, by his will proved and enrolled in the Court of Husting, he bequeathed various legal treatises to the City's Chamberlain, for the time being, to hold in trust for the Corporation.

The *Liber Horn*, in its present form, probably comprises two of the volumes thus bequeathed, viz.: one *De veteribus legibus Angliæ*, and another *De statutis Angliæ, etc.* It certainly consists of two separate works bound up together, the *Liber Horn* proper commencing on fo. ccvi. A fac-simile of this folio forms an appropriate frontispiece to this Calendar of Coroners Rolls, inasmuch as the King's Justices appear in an illuminated capital to be emblematically depicted as holding an *Iter* at the Tower of London, when it was the duty of Coroners, Sheriffs and other City officers to produce in court their Rolls for the period that had elapsed since the last *Iter*.

On the occasion of a memorable *Iter* held at the Tower in 1321 (lasting over 24 weeks and causing the citizens infinite vexation) Horn was a prominent figure, upholding the rights and

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privileges of the Commonalty, and especially of the fishmongers and their trade, with which he was personally familiar. It has been said that it was, probably, in view of this visit of the Justices that he drew up the *Ordinaciones de Itinere*, which appear in his book, in order to instruct the civic authorities as to the procedure to be followed in the reception of these unwelcome visitors; and that the Ordinances were appropriated by John Carpenter, the City's famous Town Clerk, for his compilation of the *Liber Albus*, a century later.[1]

On the same folio is a rubricated heading testifying that the book belonged to Andrew Horn and stating the nature of its contents, and the date of its compilation, as follows:

Iste liber restat Andree Horn piscenario London' de Breggestrete in quo continentur Carta et Alie consuetudines predicte Civitatis, Et carta libertatis Anglie et statuta per Henricum Regem et per Edwardum Regem filium predicti Regis Henrici edita.

Quem fieri fecit Anno Domini MCCCXI Et anno regni Regis Edwardi filii Regis Edwardi—v°.

TRANSLATION.

"This book belongs to Andrew Horn, fishmonger of Bridge Street, London, and contains the Charter and other customs of the said City, and the Charter of Liberty of England and statutes promulgated by Henry the King and by Edward the King, son of the aforesaid King Henry.

"He caused it to be made A.D. MCCCXI in the 5th year of the reign of King Edward, son of King Edward."

Suspended from a leafy twig in the ornamental border of the page is a shield bearing the arms of Horn depicted in heraldic tinctures, viz.: Az. a Saltire arg. between three leopards heads caboshed in chief and flanks or. and in base a luce hauriant of the last.

[1] See Introd. to *Liber Custumarum* (Rolls Series), Vol. I., pp. lxxxvi, lxxxvii.

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INTRODUCTION

THE nine Rolls here calendared appear to be the only original Coroners' Rolls of mediæval times preserved at the Guildhall.[1] They record inquests held in the City between A.D. 1300 and 1378 with various *lacunæ*, there being no record, for instance, of inquests for the years 1302–1320 and between 1340 and 1367. It is probable that they originally formed part of a series of similar Rolls which have long since disappeared. On the other hand, we find inquests for the years 1276–1278 recorded in one of the City's so-called "Letter-Books,"[2] but there is no evidence of them having been enrolled. That Rolls of Pleas of the Crown should have disappeared may be accounted for by the fact that they remained in the custody of the Officers appointed to "keep the pleas" for the time being, in the City, whether they were the King's Chamberlain or the Sheriffs. This was certainly the custom at the time of the memorable *Iter* at the Tower in 1321,[3] and the custom appears to have continued down

[1] There exists one other Roll, but as it is of much later date (viz.: A.D. 1590) it has not been included in this Calendar. Roll I—the last of the series here calendared—records only four inquests (and these imperfectly), viz.: one in each of the years 1367, 1372, 1375 and 1378.

[2] See 'Cal. Letter-Book B,' pp. 256–279; Riley, 'Memorials of London, &c.,' pp. 3–20.

[3] Placita Coronæ quæ placitata non sunt, vel quæ emerserunt postquam Justiciarii ultimo itineraverunt apud Turrim Londoniarum . . . remanent penes Camerarium, Coronatores et Vicecomites Londoniarum qui superstites sunt.—'Liber Custumarum' (Rolls Series), i. 290.

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to comparatively modern times.[1] At the present day the records of the Coroner's Court for the City of London and Borough of Southwark are in the custody of the Town Clerk.

Guildhall MS. No. 126.

The Rolls here calendared are distinguished by the alphabetical letters A to I. A transcript and translation of the Rolls A, B, C, D, G, and I are preserved in what is known as Guildhall MS. No. 126 in the Guildhall Library. This MS. omits altogether Rolls E, F, and H, whilst supplementing the series with a transcript and translation of Inquests in the City for the year 1315–16 to be found among the archives in the Chapter House, Westminster. The volume forms one of the series of 51 volumes containing extracts from the *Liber de Antiquis* and other Records of the Corporation, as well as from the Pipe Rolls, Charter Rolls, and other Rolls, &c., preserved in H.M. Public Record Office and elsewhere. The series was compiled on behalf of Edward Tyrrell (City Remembrancer 1832–63) and was purchased by the Corporation in 1872.

The King's Chamberlain.

The institution of a special officer to "keep" the Pleas of the Crown, under the name of *Coronator* or Coroner, dates back to A.D. 1194, or perhaps earlier[2]; but in the earliest "Rolls of the Crown" or "Rolls of felonies and misdemeanours" recorded in the City's Archives (viz.: those for the years 1276–8) the inquisitions, or inquests, were held by the King's Chamberlain in conjunction with the Sheriff or Sheriffs for the time being, the title of

[1] See Report of Dr. F. Joseph Waldo, the City Coroner, to the Court of Common Council (presented 2nd March, 1911), wherein it is seen that Inquisitions taken before a former Coroner of the City were at one time kept at that Officer's private Chambers in Serjeants' Inn. Dr. Waldo has himself written an excellent paper on "The Ancient Office of Coroner" for the Medico-Legal Society.—See the Coroners' Society Annual Report 1910–11, Vol. IV, pp. 241–52.

[2] Pollock and Maitland, 'Hist. of English Law,' i. 520 n.; Stubbs, 'Const. Hist.' (ed. 1874), i. 505; Gross, 'Select Coroners' Rolls, A.D. 1265–1413' (Selden Soc.), pp. xv. xvii.

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Coroner not being once mentioned,[1] although the powers and duties of Coroners were specially defined by the Statute of 1276.

The King's Chamberlain, as distinguished from the City Chamberlain, played an important part in the Coronership of London, inasmuch as his office was usually combined with that of the King's Butler (*Pincerna*), one of whose duties was to take the King's duty or "prise" (Lat. *prisa*) on wines,[2] and to whom the Coronership of the City *ex officio* belonged.[3] The City's *Liber Custumarum* gives the names of seven King's Chamberlains between A.D. 1275 and 1320.[4] One of them, viz.: Matthew de Columbariis, or de Columbers, is recorded in an early Letter-Book as having been the King's Chamberlain and taker of his wines (*captor vinorum*) and, on that account, also Coroner of the City[5]; whilst two others, viz.: Gregory de Rokesle and Stephen de Abyndone, are recorded elsewhere as having filled the office of King's Butler, and therefore the Coronership of the City, whilst occupying the Mayoralty chair.[6]

These instances of the Coronership being held by the Mayor for the time being were, however, quite exceptional, the nearest approach to them in similarity being the case of John de Wengrave, who was elected to the Mayoralty chair at a time when he was acting as deputy Coroner for Walter Waldeshef, the King's Butler,[7] and who continued to act as Coroner both during his Mayoralty and afterwards.[8] The Mayor had no official connection with the Coronership of the City any more than had the City Chamberlain. The allegations of some writers to the contrary are due to an

[1] 'Cal. Letter-Book B,' Introd. p. vii.

[2] Madox, 'Hist. of the Exchequer' (ed. 1711), p. 526.

[3] Et nota quod Botellarius domini Regis et Camerarius domini Regis et Coronator idem sunt.—'Lib. Cust.,' (Rolls Series), i. 296.

[4] 'Lib. Cust.' i. 239–246.

[5] 'Cal. Letter-Book B,' p. 280.

[6] *Ibid.*, p. 257 n. 'Lib. Cust.,' i. 239: Eodem anno [A.D. 1315] Stephanus de Abyndone, draparius, factus fuit major die Apostolorum Simonis et Judæ; qui postea ante annum completum factus est botellarius domini regis.—'Chron. Edward I. and II.' (Rolls Series No. 76), i. 236.

[7] 'Cal. Letter-Book E,' p. 55; Eodem anno [A.D. 1316] Johannes de Wengrave, recordator Gildaulæ et subcoronator, electus est in majorem, qui tunc habuit illa prædicta officia.—'Chron. Edward I. and II.' i. 240.

[8] 'Liber Cust.,' i. 245–6.

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error which originated with John Carpenter, "Common Clerk" (or "Town Clerk" of the City, as he would have been designated at the present day), from 1417 to 1438, and compiler of the City's *Liber Albus*.[1] The error has unfortunately been perpetuated down to modern times.[2]

Inquests held by Sheriffs.

In the case of one being killed in the City, we read in the City's *Liber Horn* that it was the duty of the Sheriff to go and enquire by the venue (*per visnetum*) who killed him, and to attach the culprit until the Justices should decide if prosecution should follow.[3]

So again, when the Justices were holding an *Iter* at the Tower in 1244, the question was asked what was the penalty if Sheriffs failed to attach a felon to appear before them, seeing that "heretofore the Sheriffs had made attachments and inquisitions on homicide and not the [King's] Chamberlain."[4]

In the Roll for the year 1300–1 here calendared, we have what appears to be the first recorded instance in the City's archives of a Coroner, or his Deputy, being associated *eo nomine* with the Sheriffs in holding Pleas of the Crown, in place of the King's Chamberlain.

The City's Justiciar.

King Henry I. by charter to the citizens of London *circ.* 1130–1135 had granted them permission to appoint a Justiciar of their own, to "keep" the pleas of the Crown and "plead" the same. This officer was believed by the late Dr. Charles Gross of Harvard—no mean authority—to have been identical with the office of Coroner.[5] However that may be, the citizens do not

[1] 'Liber Albus' (Rolls Series), i. 15. "Et sic patet quod olim eo quod quis erat Major, erat Camerarius civitatis et in eo quod erat Camerarius erat et Coronator." There is no evidence to support this statement.

[2] See City's Report, Royal Commission, 1893, p. 8.

[3] 'Liber Horn,' fo. cclvi.

[4] Et attachiamenta et Inquisitiones de morte hominis usque nunc fecerunt Vicecomites et non Camerarius.—'Liber Albus,' i. 100.

[5] Gross, 'Select Coroners' Rolls' (Selden Soc.), pp. xv, xvi.

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appear to have gained much by this charter, inasmuch as three centuries and more elapsed before they got the appointment of City Coroner into their own hands, and then only on payment of a large sum to the Crown.[1]

In the last year of the reign of Edward III. and again in the first year of the reign of his successor, the commonalty of the City complained to the King that great mischief was occasioned by reason of the Coroner not being subject to the civic authorities (*n'est pas justisable par Maire, Aldermans ne par autres Ministres d'icels*); and prayed that they might elect a Coroner of themselves, and remove him at will, as other cities were wont to do. To this the King replied that he would not depart from his ancient right.[2]

After the lapse of little more than 20 years, viz.: in 1399, the citizens had again occasion to make a complaint to the King in Parliament; this time, because Assizes which ought to be taken before the Sheriffs and the King's Coroner or his Deputy, could not be taken, on account of the Coroner or his Deputy being frequently absent. They prayed therefore that the Sheriffs might be allowed to proceed with the Assizes without the presence of Coroner or Deputy. On this occasion the citizens succeeded in obtaining a favourable reply, to the effect that the Sheriffs might proceed, after making a formal proclamation in writing for the Coroner or Deputy to attend.[3]

The King's Justices in Eyre.

In the meantime, the King's Justices had held Assizes at the Tower, but at long and uncertain intervals. We learn from the City's *Liber de Antiquis*—the earliest manuscript volume preserved at the Guildhall—that Pleas of the Crown were heard at the Tower in 1226, when John Herlisun failed to justify himself for the death of a man, but was granted the royal pardon at the instance of the women of the City.[4] Between 1226 and

[1] By charter 20 June, 18 Edward IV. [A.D. 1478].—See 'Cal. Letter-Book K,' p. 187; 'Letter-Book L,' p. 229 n.

[2] 'Rot. Parl.' ii. 367; iii. 19.

[3] 'Rot. Parl.' iii. 429.

[4] 'Liber de Antiquis' (Camden Soc.), p. 5.

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1244 (when the next *Iter* was held) no pleas of the City were pleaded at the Tower,[1] and no other *Iter* was held until 1275.[2]

Strong opposition was always raised by the citizens whenever the Justices attempted to hold their Assizes at the Guildhall, or within the liberties of the City.[3] Hence the custom of the Justices holding their *Iter* at the Tower, as they appear to be depicted in the frontispiece.

As already mentioned, at every *Iter*, the Coroners, Sheriffs and Justices for gaol-delivery were called upon to produce their Rolls for the period that had elapsed since the last Assize.[4]

This was not always an easy task, owing to the long interval that had elapsed, and the decease of officers that had occurred. Nevertheless, the Justices of the *Iter* of 1321 insisted on their production and went so far as to fine William de Leyre for failing to put in his rolls of accounts, &c., for the Shrievalty he had served some thirty years before.[5] He was among the first to feel the heavy hands of the Justices at this memorable *Iter*: but he was not, by any means, the last. Here, too, we may possibly find another explanation of the small number of Sheriffs' and Coroners' Rolls preserved among the City's archives. Did the Justices in Eyre always return the Rolls, presented to them, to the Officers who produced the Rolls?

Deputy Coroners.

The City Coroner, being the King's Chamberlain and Butler, was so much occupied with the King's business that it became necessary to appoint a deputy, and numerous are the King's writs addressed to the civic authorities to admit to office such deputies.[6] These writs had always been readily complied with until the year 1435, when (for some reason that is not clear) the

[1] 'Liber Albus,' i. 77.

[2] *Id.*, i. 11.—See also 'Chron. of Edward I. and II.,' i. 85.

[3] 'Liber de Antiquis,' p. 40.—Cf. 'Cal. Letter-Book E,' p. 41; 'Cal. Letter-Book F,' pp. 59–60.

[4] 'Liber Cust.,' i. 295–6.

[5] 'Liber Cust.,' i. 297.

[6] At the present day, every Coroner, whether for a county or borough, is bound by Statute to appoint a Deputy.—Stat. 55 and 56 Vict. Cap. 56 [A.D. 1892].

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Mayor and Sheriffs refused to admit John Forthey as Deputy Coroner.

The reasons they gave for such refusal are, to say the least, remarkable.[1]

In the first place, they declared that prior to the year 1275 when the Statute (3 Edw. I., cap. x.) specifying the class of man to be elected as Coroner in the counties was enacted, the citizens of London had elected their own Coroner, by authority of the King and Parliament, and that the duties had always been executed in the name of the *Chamberlain of London*! A greater perversion of facts can hardly be conceived.

Secondly, they said that by virtue of the above Statute the election of a Coroner was lawfully made in the City or County of London, and appertained to the Mayor and citizens of the same. If that were true, it is strange that not a single instance of such an election having taken place is to be found recorded in the City's archives, and stranger still that the citizens should have been content in 1478 to release King Edward IV. of a debt of £7,000 for the privilege of electing their own Coroner (as already mentioned) so soon as the office, then vested in Antony Woodville, Earl Rivers, the Queen's brother and the King's Chief Butler, should fall vacant![2]

Jurisdiction.

The jurisdiction of the City Coroner at one time extended eastward as far as Tower Hill, and even over a part of the Tower itself, notwithstanding the presence of the King himself within its walls;[3] but at the present day his jurisdiction does not extend beyond the Tower walls, the Coronership within the walls being a "franchise coronership."[4] On the other hand, the City's authority now embraces the Borough of Southwark by virtue of the Charter of

[1] See 'Cal. Letter-Book K,' pp. 186–7.—An attempt has been made to explain the cause of the City's attitude on this occasion in the Introduction to the Calendar (pp. xliv, xlv), but it is no more than a surmise.

[2] Letters patent dated 20 June, 10 Edward IV.

[3] *Infra* Roll B, 1.—Cf. 'Cal. Letter-Book K,' p. 83.

[4] See Dr. Waldo's evidence in First Report of Departmental Committee on Coroners, 1909, Pt. II, p. 70.

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1550, whereas, formerly, the Coroner and the Sheriffs are recorded as having been amerced by the Justices in Eyre for venturing to receive the abjuration of a felon who had taken sanctuary in the Borough.[1]

Form of Inquest.

The inquests are recorded after a common form thus:—On a certain day information is given to the Coroner and Sheriffs that an individual was lying dead of a death other than his (or her) rightful death (*ex alia morte quam recta morte sua*) in a certain place, the parish and Ward being specified: that, thereupon, they proceeded thither, and having summoned a jury they diligently enquired how it happened.

The jurors were drawn, as a rule, from the Ward where the corpse was found, and from three, or more, of the Wards adjacent. Occasionally, a point was made of the Wards wherein the deceased was residing at the time, and where he received his fatal injury, being represented on the jury.[2] The names of the jurors are not recorded in the first four Rolls here calendared, but they are recorded in the later Rolls. Their number varies considerably; ranging from 12 from a single Ward, to 50 from four or five Wards. An average jury comprised about 30 individuals, whereas at the present day the number varies from 12 to 23.

Then follows the report of the jury's investigation as to the cause of death, whether it proved to be the result of a felony or misadventure. If the former, the jurors are questioned by the Coroner and Sheriffs as to what became of the felon, what goods and chattels he may have had, who first discovered the body, and who witnessed the felony. The felon's goods are forthwith appraised and committed to the custody of one of the Sheriffs, to be accounted for by him at the next Assize, when, if convicted, the goods became, by charter,[3] forfeited to the City.[4]

[1] 'Liber Albus,' i. 86–7.

[2] 'Liber Albus,' i. 105–6; *infra*, Roll E, 30; Roll F, 14, 17 and 34; Roll H, 8, 18.

[3] Dated 6 March, 1 Edward III. A.D. 1327], preserved at the Guildhall.

[4] In the counties, the felon's goods became, under similar circumstances, forfeited to the Crown, down to 1870, when such forfeiture was abolished by Stat. 33 and 34 Vict. cap. 23.

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The corpse was invariably viewed by the Coroner and Sheriffs, in order to see if its appearance tallied with the report of the jury; and, finally, precept was issued to the Sheriffs to arrest the fugitive felon as soon as he be found within their bailiwick, as well as to attach by sureties not only the discoverer of the body and those who witnessed the felony, but also four of the nearest neighbours, to appear before the Justices at the next *Iter*; a Coroner's Inquest being then, as now, only a preliminary investigation, and not conclusive.[1]

At the present day, the jury view the corpse at the outset of the enquiry, before any evidence is taken by the Coroner, but as this appears to be done chiefly, if not solely, with the object of satisfying them that there is a dead body, the Committee of 1909 (already referred to) recommended that this procedure should be dispensed with *as a rule*. This recommendation, however, did not meet with the approval of Dr. Waldo, the City Coroner, and others, who objected that the "view" was of "great importance."[2]

It will be seen that in framing their report with the view of a subsequent indictment the jurors were careful to give full particulars of the cause of death, specifying the time and place when it occurred; whether it was occasioned *feloniously* or not,[3] the nature of the weapon used, the exact dimensions of the wounds inflicted, the value of the weapon, &c.

Fire Inquests.

The inquests relate only to felony, homicide and misadventure, and have no concern with burglary, wreck, treasure trove, and other matters cognizable by Coroners at common law. Occasionally, we meet with inquests held on bodies of those whose death was caused by fire. Thus an inquest is recorded as

[1] At the present day, a prosecution, made on the strength of a finding by a Coroner's Inquest alone, is extremely rare, but such cases are not unknown.

[2] Minutes of Evidence, Part II, pp. 12, 76.

[3] Every indictment for a felony must still aver that the alleged act or acts was or were done feloniously, and if the word "feloniously" be omitted the indictment may be set aside as bad.—Halsbury, 'Laws of England,' Vol. IX, p. 341. In former days, too, it was essential that the actual instrument causing death should be designated, otherwise the prisoner got off; but this is no longer the case.

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having been held on the body of Alice, wife of John Ryvet, who was burnt to death by a fire occasioned by the fall of a lighted candle in the middle of the night as she and her husband were preparing to go to sleep. The record is a particularly gruesome one, inasmuch as, after effecting their escape from the burning building, the husband was so incensed with his wife for having caused the fire by her own negligence, as he maintained, that he pushed her back into the flames, and made off.[1]

Another instance of a fire caused by the fall of a lighted candle, which had been carelessly left on a wall, and resulting in the death of a mother and daughter who were sleeping on the premises, is recorded in 1337.[2]

As a matter of fact, it has always been the custom for Coroners to hold inquests in cases of *fatal* fires, although not specifically enjoined by the statute of 1276 on "The office of Coroner,"[3] but the custom of holding such inquests in cases of *non-fatal* fires is a comparatively recent innovation and is (practically) confined to the City of London.[4]

It is noteworthy that no case of arson or incendiarism is recorded in these Rolls.

Ecclesiastical Rights.

If the deceased was not killed on the spot, but lingered for some days, as was frequently the case, he is occasionally recorded as having received his ecclesiastical rights (*ecclessiatica jura*) that is to say, the *rights* of a dying man to have administered to him the *rites* of the Church *i.e.* the Sacraments.[5]

In the case of the deceased having had his ecclesiastical rights,

[1] *Infra*, pp. 170–1.

[2] *Infra*, p. 183.

[3] Stat. 4 Edw. I., St. 2, *De officio Coronatoris*.

[4] By virtue of the Local Act known as the "City of London Fire Inquests Act, 1888."

[5] See N.E.D. *s.v.* Right. The way in which "rights" and "rites" have been indiscriminately used is seen in the expression "conjugal rights" instead of the more correct expression "conjugal rites" as used by Milton :—

"Nor Eve the rites
Mysterious of connubial love refused."
—'Paradise Lost,' iv. ll. 742–3.

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it was not necessary for the Coroner to view the body,[1] nor for the finder of the body to be attached.[2] The reason for this latter exemption is not quite clear, but it is said to be because the deceased lived long enough to exculpate the finder, if innocent, and to state who were the culprits.[3]

Deaths in Prison.

It was usual to hold inquests on those who died in prison, and at the present day it is the duty of the gaoler to notify the Coroner of such deaths before interment. In 1324 an inquest is recorded as having been held on the body of Henry, son of Thomas Staci (or Stace) of Ipswich, who had been committed to the Marshalsea for causing the death of John Christopher in a riot against the town Bailiffs. The record is of exceptional interest from the connection that existed between the Staci family and that of the poet Chaucer.

Another inquest of historical interest held on one who had died in prison is that recorded as having been held on Roger Mortimer of Chirk, who had been committed to the Tower, together with his nephew Roger Mortimer of Wigmore, in 1322. The nephew effected his escape, but the uncle remained a prisoner until he died his "rightful death" in 1326.[4]

Approvers.

Several instances are also recorded of inquests held on "approvers" who had died their "rightful" death in Newgate. These "approvers" were criminals who had saved their own necks by incriminating their partners in crime, by legal process known as an "appeal," and who had been thus rewarded for assisting in ridding the country of evil-doers. In 1325 a number of "approvers" confined in Newgate conspired together and broke prison. They took sanctuary, and were allowed to abjure the realm.[5]

[1] Si interfectus habeat jura ecclesiastica non est necesse quod Coronator eum videat.—'The Eyre of Kent,' 6 and 7 Edw. II. (Seldon Soc.), i. 112.

[2] Nota, qui habet jura ecclesiastica non habebit inventorem set iiij vicinos tantum.—*Ibid.*, i. 140.

[3] Gross, 'Select Coroners' Rolls,' pp. 5, 83.

[4] *Infra*, p. 167.

[5] *Infra*, pp. 130–1.

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If a felon were not immediately arrested three courses were open to him.

(1) He might take flight so as to get beyond the jurisdiction or bailiwick of the Sheriffs, to be arrested by them as soon as he returned. This was a comparatively easy matter to achieve in early days, for he had only to cross the river and seek refuge in the Borough of Southwark, where the Sheriffs could not touch him. After 1550, however, this retreat was closed to him, for by a charter, acquired in that year for the sum of 500 marks paid to the King, the civic authorities were empowered to arrest all felons found in the Borough and to carry them to Newgate to be there prosecuted according to law.

(2) He might take sanctuary in a church or other privileged place, where he was safe from the clutches of the law for at least 40 days. In that case the Coroner would come and parley with him, offering him the choice of surrendering himself to the King's peace or of abjuring the realm. More often than not, the refugee preferred to stay where he was, and to take his chance of escaping under cover of the night. This he frequently succeeded in doing, owing to the lax manner in which a refugee in sanctuary was guarded. Indeed, the civic authorities and the Sheriffs (to whom the duty of watching was usually committed) appear to have been of Dogberry's mind, that it were well to let such a one go and thank God that the City was rid of a knave.

Sanctuary.

In 1298 the Court of Aldermen had passed a resolution to the effect that in future no robber, homicide or other fugitive in the churches should be watched over (*custodiantur*).[1] At the *Iter* of 1321, however, the Mayor and Aldermen were interrogated by the Justices as to what had become of two fugitives, one of whom had taken refuge in St. Paul's and the other in the adjacent church of St. Gregory. After some days' consideration, the Mayor and Aldermen again appeared before the Justices and told them that the men in question had escaped from the churches; adding that

[1] 'Cal. Letter-Book B,' p. 215.

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neither the City nor the Sheriffs were to be held responsible for such escapes, and that robbers (*latrones*) in churches ought not to be watched. To this the Justices took exception as encouraging evil doers, and it was with some hesitation that they allowed the Mayor and Aldermen further time to re-consider their position. Meanwhile, they gave orders to their Serjeants to summon before them all neighbours and discoverers (of corpses) who had found sureties for appearance. Once more the Mayor and Aldermen demurred.[1] The matter was settled, for the time being, by the King granting a pardon under the Great Seal to the citizens for past neglect in watching felons, on the distinct understanding that in future they would take the same steps to watch felons and guard against their escape from churches as were taken in other parts of the realm.[2]

As soon as Edward the Third came to the throne he granted a charter to the City to the effect (*inter alia*) that the citizens should not be made responsible for the custody of those taking refuge in churches otherwise than of old accustomed, *anything in the last Iter at the Tower of London made or adjudged, notwithstanding.*[3]

It was one thing to set a watch over criminals in sanctuary to prevent their escape; it was quite another to drag criminals out of sanctuary. The latter constituted a grave offence against the Church, and when such an offence was committed in 1334 by order of Reginald de Conduit, the Mayor, the Archbishop of Canterbury hastened to London and cited the Mayor to appear before him in St. Paul's. Argument was useless, and the Mayor had humbly to submit to the head of the Church, who not only

[1] 'Liber Cust.,' i. 377–8.

[2] Letters patent dated 3rd June, 14 Edw. II. [A.D. 1321], and preserved at the Guildhall. Cf. 'Liber Cust.,' i. 346–7. It is significant that at an inquest held in the following November, when a felon took refuge in the church of the Augustine Friars, a precept was issued to the men of the Wards of Bishopsgate, Broad Street and Coleman Street [N.B. not the Sheriffs] to keep guard over him.—(*Infra*, Roll B, 5). Again, in 1325 the men of Bassishaw Ward were ordered to keep watch over a felon who had taken refuge in the church of St. Mary Aldermanbury (Roll D, 19).

[3] Charter dated 6th March, 1 Edward III. [A.D. 1326–7], also preserved at the Guildhall.—Cf. 'Chron. of Edw. I. and II.' i. 328.

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insisted on his publicly restoring the prisoner to the sanctuary of the church from which he had been forcibly taken, but imposed on him and his officers a penance (*pœnitentiam*) adequate to so dire an offence.[1]

St. Martin le Grand.

The existence in their midst of such a sanctuary for bad characters as that afforded by the church and precinct of St. Martin le Grand was a constant source of trouble to the citizens. Nevertheless, the civic authorities were compelled, much against their will, to respect its privileges. The Sheriffs were not allowed to arrest notorious offenders who had taken refuge there,[2] and, presumably, the City Coroner could not hold any inquest within the precinct. At least, no record of such an inquest appears to have come down to us.

The right of Sanctuary was abolished by Statute in 1624.[3]

Abjuration.

(3) It might be that the refugee preferred the rôle of the "true patriot" and was prepared to leave his country "for his country's good."[4] In that case a port was either assigned to him by the Coroner,[5] or left to his own choice, whither he was to proceed within a limited number of days, each day's journey and halting place being specified, and thence to set sail across the sea at the first tide. His lands and goods were forfeited, and if he returned contrary to his oath, he could be treated as an outlaw.

[1] 'Chron. Edward I. and II.,' i. 363–4.

[2] See Introd., 'Cal. Letter-Book K,' pp. xxviii–xxxiv.

[3] Stat. 21 James I., cap. xxviii.

[4] "True patriots we, for be it understood,
We left our country for our country's good."
—Prologue to Young's tragedy "The Revenge" when played by convicts at Sydney in 1796. See N. & Q., 12th Feb., 1887.

[5] At the *Iter* of 1244 the Justices asked whether the Constable of the Tower, together with the Sheriffs and Aldermen, could receive such an abjuration without the (King's) Chamberlain (*i.e.* the Coroner) being present, and the Mayor and citizens replied that they could do so if the Chamberlain was absent on the King's business.—'Liber Albus,' i. 96–7; Roll AA, membr. 2 dors.; 'Liber Ordinationum,' fo. 209 b.

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The procedure to be followed by an abjuring felon who had taken sanctuary, is thus set out in "The Mirror of Justices"[1]—a legal treatise of the 13th century, ascribed, as already mentioned, to Andrew Horn.

"If he acknowledges mortal sin, and prays to go forth from the Kingdom without the protection of the Church, let him come to the limit of the Sanctuary barefooted, ungirt, in his coat or shirt only, and swear that he will keep the direct road to such port or such passage as he shall have chosen, and that he will not remain in any place two nights together, until that for such mortal sin as he shall have acknowledged in the hearing of the people he has left the realm, and further, that he will not return in the king's life-time without his leave so help him God and the holy Gospels. And then let him take a cross and bear it so long as he shall be in the protection of the Church (*e la porte taunt cum il est en la proteccion de leglise*).[2]

The ports usually chosen or assigned were Dover or Southampton; Harwich and Bristol being exceptional.

The road to be taken to reach Dover—when four days were allowed—lay through "Depeford," or "Derteford" (Dartford), Newington, and Canterbury; or Singlewell, Newington, and Canterbury; or again, through Dartford, Rochester, and Ospring. If only three days were allowed, the prescribed route was to Rochester on the first day, and thence to Canterbury; or to Singlewell on the first day, and thence to Ospring, reaching Dover on the third day.

If the port of embarkation was Southampton, the felon was allowed to stop at Kingston, Guildford, and Alton; or at Cobham, Farnham, and Alresford (or Winchester), reaching the port on the fourth day.

Deaths by Felony.

The Rolls reveal in a forcible manner the seamy side of City life in the 14th century. One cannot help remarking how quickly, in those days, a word was followed by a blow from some lethal weapon. It was common for two men to be apparently on

[1] Seld. Soc., Vol. VII., p. 34. [2] Cf. *Statutes of the Realm*, i. 59.

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friendly terms, when suddenly a quarrel would break out and one would deal the other a blow with a sword or a knife which sooner or later caused his death; or again, a man casually meets another in the street to whom he owes a grudge, and the same thing happens. Not unfrequently we find the origin of a dispute to have been that *causa teterrima belli*—a woman.

A notable instance of the last mentioned class, resulting in the death of a chaplain,[1] is recorded in 1301. A married woman, being more or less the worse for drink, abused some workmen engaged on building a house, calling them "tredekeiles."[2] Thereupon one of the men seized her and bumped her on the ground telling her that she too should tread the ground with them (*quod cum eis operaret et terram calcaret*). On rising, she went to the house of Elena Hellebole, her mistress, and complained of the men; the mistress ran out and roundly abused the men, who were not slow to reply, but her abuse was of such a kind as to call for remonstrance from a passer-by, causing another interchange of strong epithets. The parties then separated, the woman threatening to be even with the man before night. In order to avenge herself she sent for a certain chaplain, named Walter de Elmebye, and one or two others, and persuaded them to go to a tavern kept by Agnes de Notingham where the stranger was housed. This they did, having previously armed themselves each with a fagot-stick, and there meeting a certain John de Melkesham, the chaplain asked him if it were he who had been abusing his (the chaplain's) mistress[3] and forthwith hit him on the head and arm. After a brief scuffle, the chaplain received such a blow from a dagger that he died on the spot. A sordid affair indeed.

Another sordid story is that of an attack made by a woman known as Agnes "Houdydoudy" on another woman who was *enceinte*, resulting in an abortive birth and the death of the mother.[4]

[1] Roll A, 29.

[2] Cf. "trede-foul," a treader of fowls as applied to a Monk in prologue to the *Monk's Tale*. – Chaucer's 'Canterb. Tales' (ed. Skeat), B, l. 3135.

[3] This accounts for her having sent to him in the first place. This is not the only inquest recorded in which a chaplain and his mistress appear.—Cf. Roll E, 17.

[4] Roll E, 39.

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But perhaps the most sordid of all is the murder of a girl by a man and his wife, in whose house she occasionally passed the night, simply and solely for the clothes she was wearing.[1]

We read of affrays in which apprentices of law were engaged,[2] and of quarrels between members of different crafts. Thus in 1325 a Saddler was waylaid and killed by certain Goldsmiths, on account of an outstanding dispute between members of the two Guilds.[3] Again, in 1340 a riot broke out between certain Fishmongers and Skinners, in which Ralph Turk met his death, and the Mayor himself was assaulted whilst endeavouring to quell the disturbance.[4] This was one of the few cases where more than one inquest was necessary.

Weapons of offence.

The weapons called into play were of various kinds comprising a long and broad knife known as *bidau*, *bidawe*, or *bideu*; a *trenchour* or carving knife; a double-edged knife known as *panade* (poniard); an Irish knife (*cultellus Yberniacus*); and a knife variously spelt *thwytel*, *twhitel* and *twytol*, corrupted in later times into *whittle*.[5] Other knives or daggers mentioned are the *anelace*, or *anlaz*, the *bazelard* and *misericorde*. Of wooden instruments we find *balstaff*, or *balghstaff*, otherwise known as *balkstaff*; a cudgel or quarter staff, a *distaff*, a *fagot staff*, a *piked staff*, a *dorbar* and a *wombedstaff*, a variety of the bedstaff commonly used to keep bed clothes in their proper place, but frequently converted into a handy weapon in tavern brawls; a crutch or staff called *potent*, a billet of wood known as a *shide* or *talwhschide*, and a crooked billet or *courbe*. Several kinds of axe are mentioned, comprising a *pollax*, an axe called *belte*, a *twybill* or double-edged axe or halberd (known also as a *sparthe*) and a *gysarme*.

One cannot help remarking how many deaths occasioned by such weapons, or resulting from accidents, might have been

[1] Roll B, 49.
[2] *Infra*, pp. 134–5, 157, 226.
[3] Roll E, 1.
[4] Roll H, 39.
[5] Chaucer describes the Miller of Trumpington as carrying at his side "a long panade" and in his hose a "twitel."—'The Reves Tale' (ed. Skeat), ll. 3929, 3933.

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avoided had proper surgical skill been at hand.[1] Such assistance, however, was not to be had in those days, the practice of surgery, such as it was, being in the hands of barber-surgeons, whose skill was limited, almost entirely, to letting of blood by cupping.

Accidents.

Next, in point of numbers, to murders and homicides on which inquests were held, come *infortunia* or deaths from mishap. Many of these were occasioned by falling down stairs (sometimes under circumstances which point to the stairs being *outside* the house[2]), or by falling off ladders or out of windows. Others met their death by falling accidentally into the Thames, or by being carried away and drowned whilst bathing. A curious instance of the first kind was recorded as having occurred in 1301, when a schoolboy crossing London Bridge on his way to school, one afternoon, after dinner, being attracted by the sight of a plank projecting over the side of the bridge must needs suspend himself from it, hanging on by his hands. His strength failed him and he was precipitated into the water and drowned.[3]

In October, 1321, two men were drowned within a few days of each other in Tower ditch, the draw-bridge being up.[4] The name of Houndsditch does not commend itself to our minds as a very suitable locality for a bath; nevertheless we find that a man was drowned whilst taking a bath there in 1337.[5] Another man was

[1] We have a case recorded in 1301 of a man having broken his leg whilst wrestling, and of the finding of the jury that he died of the fracture and bad attendance (*ex fraccione predicta et male custodita*). On the other hand, a case is recorded in 1324 of a wounded man being rescued by friends and taken to a house for medical treatment (*ad medicinandum*).—Roll D, 3. In the following year a wounded man was brought from Hoddesdon, co. Herts, to London for treatment.—Roll D, 25. These, however, are exceptional cases.

[2] *Infra*, Roll F, 27.

[3] *Infra*, Roll A, 26. A somewhat similar accident occurred in 1340, when a seaman playfully walked out on a plank jutting over the Thames and fell, and was drowned.—Roll H, 21.

[4] *Infra*, p. 33.

[5] *Infra*, Roll F, 19. In 1350 a Proclamation was made by the King against bathing in the Fosses or in the Thames, near the Tower, on pain of death.—'Memorials,' pp. 260–1.

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drowned whilst trying to make his way by water from Paul's Wharf up to Fleet Bridge. He and four companions had committed a highway robbery upon two Florentine Merchants in the course of the day between Romford and Brentwood and had eased them of a number of florins and other goods. By a piece of good luck the foreigners afterwards caught sight of one of the thieves in the City and gave chase. The thief plunged into the river at Paul's Wharf, intending to make his way under cover of the wharves to Blackfriars and thence to Fleet Bridge, but the tide rising, he was drowned.[1] Drink in many cases was the cause both of felonies and accidents. We find instances recorded of deaths caused by falling timber, by the kick of a horse,[2] by being crushed by carts in the narrow streets, by scalding water, and from fires occasioned by the fall of lighted candles, as already noted. Two men were shot by arrows, one at Stepney whilst keeping watch over the crops of the Dean of St. Pauls',[3] and the other at Tyburn.[4] We read more than once of deaths being caused by accidentally falling down a well, or by suffocation of those who had deliberately descended wells for cleansing purposes. Some deaths were of particularly horrible characters, as was the case of a man who fell into a latrine owing to the breaking of a plank, and that of a helpless infant whose head had been mauled by one of the many swine which in those days infested the City,[5] notwithstanding frequent endeavours on the part of the civic authorities to put down the nuisance. Only once do we meet with a fatality on a large scale. This occurred in 1322, when more than fifty men and women of the poorest class were crushed to death at the gate of the Blackfriars whilst waiting for a distribution of alms under the will of Henry de Fingrie, a charitable fishmonger.[6]

[1] Roll G, 4.

[2] If anyone so frightened a horse as to cause death he was liable to punishment.—*Infra*, Roll H, 36. Cf. 'Liber Albus,' i. 97.

[3] Roll D, 42.

[4] Roll G, 17.

[5] Roll B, 29. It is recorded elsewhere ('Cal. Patent Rolls, 1266–1272,' p. 193) that in 1268 a sow attacked an infant in its cradle and bit off its ears. Thereupon the King issued letters patent certifying to that effect lest, afterwards, it might be thought that the ears had been lost in the pillory or other disreputable manner.

[6] Roll B, 35. 'Chron. Edward I. and II.' (Rolls Series), i. 304.

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Deodands.

In cases of death by misadventure, the thing causing the death became forfeited to the King by way of *deodand* or gift to God, the forfeit having been originally bestowed on the Church for the good of the deceased's soul. The English name of *deodand* was "bane," *i.e.* the slayer, from the Anglo-Saxon *bana* (Lat. *banum*). A distinction appears to have been drawn between cases where the thing or chattel causing death was in motion and where it was not. If in motion, everything connected with it and contributing to the death became deodand; if not in motion only that portion which was the immediate cause of death was forfeited.[1] For this reason, when an inquest was held in A.D. 1300 on a man who was killed by a piece of timber falling on his head, the Coroner and Sheriffs were careful to ask the jury whether any one had touched or *moved* the piece, when they replied that, although a man was shearing cloth in the room where the accident had occurred, he had done nothing with his hand (*nichil manufecit*)—in other words, had not touched the beam.[2]

So again, at an inquest held in 1336 upon a man who, being the worse for drink, was killed by a fall whilst scaling a ship's mast by means of a rope, the jury found that death was due solely to *drunkenness* and the rope, and that neither the ship nor anything belonging to it, except the rope, was moving at the time. Only the rope therefore was adjudged to be deodand at a value of 10*s.*[3]

Another instance is recorded of a death being occasioned by a cart in motion with three horses attached, when not only the cart but the three horses, and even the contents of the cart were declared forfeited.[4]

No deodand was due for accidents on the high seas, although

[1] *Omnia quæ movent ad mortem sunt deodanda.* 'Jacob's Law Dict.' citing Bracton, who apparently disapproved of condemning as deodand a thing that had not moved.

[2] *Infra*, Roll A, 4. It is to be noted, however, that in this case the beam was appraised at a penny, by way of deodand, as it was certainly in motion.

[3] *Infra*, Roll F, 5.

[4] *Infra*, Roll F, 10. For a similar case, see Roll G, 28.

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a vessel might be forfeited for an accident in fresh water—a distinction difficult to understand.[1] Thus a boat out of which a man had been thrown in a storm and drowned in the Thames, near Botolph Wharf, was appraised at 20*s.* for a deodand, although the boat itself had been removed out of the City's jurisdiction.[2]

On the other hand, where a man had been pitched into the river from a wharf, owing to insecure footing, whilst endeavouring to unmoor a boat, the jury found that death was caused by his insecure footing, and that the boat was *not moving* and therefore not deodand.[3]

The thing itself causing death was not forfeited as deodand, but only its value as appraised by a jury at the inquest, and juries were apt to mitigate these forfeitures by putting their value at a low figure. It is to be noted that whereas the goods and chattels of a felon were generally delivered to the Sheriffs to account for them in due course, deodands, or their value, had frequently to be accounted for by the inhabitants of the Ward where the accident happened. It is further to be noted that the claim of the civic authorities to appropriate deodands in the City was not supported by any charter such as was the case with deodands within the Borough of Southwark.[4]

Whatever may have been the grounds on which the civic authorities based their claim, they appear to have continued to appropriate all deodands in the City at least as late as 1825, for in that year there are two cases recorded where the Corporation surrendered the value of a deodand (which had been received by the City Solicitor as one of the Bailiffs of the City) to the widow of the deceased. In the first case, the widow of a hair-dresser, who had been run over and killed by a Greenwich stage-coach, leaving his wife and family in poor circumstances, owing to the "general disuse of hair powder," petitioned the Common Council that the sum of £50 that had been levied as deodand on the coach and horses might be handed over to her[5]; in the second

[1] Item nec navis nec batellus in salsa licet in aqua dulci, et hoc per abusionem, sicut in multis aliis casibus.—Bracton, *De Legibus Angliæ*, ii. 400.

[2] *Infra*, Roll I, 1.

[3] *Ibid.*, 4.

[4] Charter dated 23rd April 4 Edward VI. [A.D. 1550].

[5] Journal 99, fo. 67.

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case the widow of a labourer, who had accidentally fallen through an open trap door in a floor, dragging with him a cask of ginger which stood near and by which he had been crushed to death, prayed the Court that the sum of £10 at which the Coroner's jury had appraised the cask as deodand, might be given to her.[1] As already stated the Court acceded to both petitions.

By Stat. 3 and 4 Will. iv. cap. 99 [A.D. 1833] it was enacted that all deodands should be estreated into the Exchequer, and any claim to them had to be submitted to the King's Remembrancer, who, if satisfied as to the justice of the claim, handed over the money.

It appears that the Corporation now began to entertain doubts as to the legality of their claim to deodands within the City and its liberties, and the question was referred to the City Solicitor. That officer reported to the Court of Aldermen on April, 1837, to the effect that Counsel (whom he had consulted) were of opinion that the City's charters were insufficient to vest the right of deodands in the Corporation, and that it would be inconvenient for the City to lay any claim to them.[2]

In course of time, the custom of deodands became so repugnant to humanity that in 1846 they were abolished by Lord Campbell's Act (Stat. 9 and 10 Vict. cap. 62), as "unreasonable and inconvenient."

[1] *Id.*, fo. 216 b. [2] Repertory 241, fos. 146, 174.

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CALENDAR
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ROLL A

1. *On the death of William Wattepas.*

On the Feast of St. Edward the King [13 Oct.] a° 28 Edward I. [A.D. 1300] information given to John the Clerk, Coroner *locum tenens* . . .[1] [and to Richard de Caumpes] and Luke de Haverynge, Sheriffs of London, that a certain William Wattepas lay dead [of a death other than] his rightful death in the rent (*in redditu*) of William Pikeman, in the Ward of Billingsgate, in the parish of St. Mary at Hill. Thereupon they proceeded thither and having summoned good men of that Ward . . . and Bridge they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors say that the said William Wattepas had for a long time lived in the county of Essex and had come to London to be cured of a wound in his arm; that he was taken ill and lived until Tuesday before the Feast of St. Edward, on the morning of which day he died, but not, say they, of his wound. Being asked by whom he had been wounded, they say they know not. The corpse was viewed and the wound was seen, and no other hurt.

[1] The corner of the Roll torn or cut off. John the Clerk, otherwise known as "of the Vintry" (*de Vinetria*), acted as Deputy Coroner for William Trente, the King's Butler and Chamberlain, who was *ex officio* Coroner of the City. See 'Cal. Letter-Book C,' pp. 93, 116.

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Robert le Treiere [attached] by Gilbert le Barber, Fulk le Couper, "Batiller." [1]

William Pikeman, by Walter Pikeman, Henry Poteman.

John Cook, by William Crul, Thomas de Rederesgate.

Ralph de Bery, by William de Sandwich, Simon de Grascherche.

2. *On the death of Henry Curteis.*

Douegate On Friday the Feast of SS. Simon and Jude [28 Oct.] the same year [A.D. 1300] information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs, that a certain Henry Curteis lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in the house of Luke de Haverynge, in the parish of All Hallows at the Hay (*ad fenum*),[2] in the Ward of Douegate. Thereupon they proceeded thither and having summoned good men of the said Ward and of the three nearest Wards viz.: Bridge, Walebrok and Vintry they diligently enquired how it happened. They say on their oath that when on Thursday after the Feast of St. Luke [18 Oct.], after the hour of curfew the said Henry wishing to descend from the Hall of the said Luke, he fell to the ground from a step on to the right side of his head his feet failing him through intoxication; that he lingered until the following . . . when he died about midnight owing to the aforesaid fall. [Being asked who were present] they say No one, only he himself. And the corpse was viewed on which the right side of the head appeared broken. No other cause of death was suspected, but the accident only. The step was valued at 12 pence,[3] for which Richard de Caumpes will answer.[4]

Richard de Wendlesworth [attached] by William de Douegate, and Geoffrey Scot.

John Powel, by Roger Deumars, Henry Bode.

[1] Boatman.

[2] All Hallows the Great in Thames Street; called "at the Hay" from hay being sold at the neighbouring hay-wharf.

[3] In case of death by misadventure, the thing causing the death became forfeited by way of "deodand," or gift to God. See Pollock and Maitland "Hist. of English Law," ii. 471, &c. The old law respecting "deodand" was repealed by Lord Campbell's Act of 1846.

[4] At the Eyre or *Iter*, when, if convicted, the felon's goods became forfeited (by Charter) to the City. Forfeiture for felony was only abolished in 1870.

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3. *On the death of Cristina Morel, wife of William the Tailor.*

Cordwaner-strete

On Monday the Eve of All Saints [1 Nov.] the year aforesaid [A.D. 1300], information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that a certain Cristina Morel lay dead of a death other than her rightful death in the house of her said husband which he hired of Thomas Romeyn, in the Parish of St. Mary de Aldermarichirche, in the Ward of Cordwanerstrete.[1] Thereupon they proceeded thither and having summoned good men of the said Ward and of the three nearest Wards—viz.: Bredstrete, Vintry and Queenhithe—they diligently examined how it happened. They say on their oath, that when on the Friday preceding, in the dusk of the evening, a certain Reymund Bernard "Dorette" and a certain Peter de Artoys were together and passing the hostel of the said William the said Reymund entering the house found the said William in the solar and charged him with having feloniously sold a certain coat belonging to the said Reymund, so that there arose a dispute between them; that the said Reymund attacked the said William, and the said Cristina interposing, the said Reymund struck her with his foot under the navel so that she fell; that she lingered until the following Sunday, when she died, at the hour of Prime,[2] of the said kick. Being asked if the said Peter aided and abetted, they say No, but when the said Reymund entered the house Peter went home. Being asked who were present they say Nobody except Reymund. Being asked what became of Reymund after the felony, they say that he forthwith went to the hostel where he and the said Peter were staying, and as soon as he became aware of the death of the said Cristina, of which he was advised by a certain Magot his mistress, he immediately took flight and the said Magot likewise, but whither, they know not. The said Peter was attached and brought to the house of Luke de "Averyngge" the Sheriff. Being asked if they suspected any one else of the said death besides the said Reymund, they say No. The corpse was viewed, and the belly appeared blue and inflamed under the navel. Precept

[1] Thomas Romayn, a Pepperer, was Alderman of Cordwainer Street Ward from 1294–1313; served as Sheriff 1290–1; Mayor 1309–10.

[2] Prime began about six o'clock in the morning, according to the season of the year.

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to the Sheriffs to attach the said Reymund as soon as he be found in their bailiwick. The chattels of the said Reymund and Magot were appraised at 30 shillings for which Luke de Haveryngge, the Sheriff, will answer.

The said William the Tailor attached by David the Tailor and Laurence de Totenham.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

Simon Godard, by Gerard le Armurer, Hugh le Taverner.

Henry le Couper, by Thomas Lef, John de Wavindone.

Roger atte Vine, by Henry le Waiere, Stephen de Wyntonia.

Master William the Surgeon, by Thomas de Stratton, tailor, Stephen le Carpenter.

4. *On the death of John du Boys of co. Suffolk.*

Crepelgate On Sunday after the feast of St. Martin [11 Nov.] the year aforesaid, information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that a certain John "de Bois" of co. Suffolk lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in the house of Adam de "Drietone" in the parish of St. Mary Magdalen, in the Ward of Walter de Finchingfeld.[1] Thereupon, they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of the said Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Cheap, the Ward of Nicholas de Farndon[2] and the Ward of William le Mazerer[3] they diligently enquired how it happened. They say on their oath that when on the previous Friday at the hour of Vespers the said John came and stood in Cheap between Honilane and Melkstrete, it happened by accident that a certain piece of wood for a long time past fastened to a solar, formerly belonging to Hugh Molgar, for the purpose of drying saddles, fell upon his head, inflicting a wound four inches long and two deep; that he lingered until the following Sunday, when he died at day-break of the wound aforesaid. Being asked if any man or woman had touched or moved[4] the piece of wood,

[1] St. Mary Magdalen, Milk Street, in the Ward of Cripplegate.

[2] Farringdon Ward.

[3] Or "Mazeliner"; Aldersgate Ward.

[4] In order that a thing causing death should become "deodand" it was necessary that it should be *moving*.

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they say No. Being asked who were in the solar, they say a certain William de Branthingge, shearing cloths, who did not move his hand (*qui nichil manufecit*). Being asked who were in the street, they say there were many passers-by, whose names they knew not. Being asked if they had any suspicion as to the death, they say None, except mischance. The corpse was viewed, on which the wound was seen, and no other hurt. The piece of wood was valued at one penny, for which R[ichard] de Caumpes, the Sheriff, will answer.

Adam de "Draiton" attached by William de Kent, Richard le Fruter.

William de Branthingge, by William de Kemesing, Robert le Sherman.

Two neighbours attached, viz.:

Nicholas de Gotham, by Bartholomew Tailor, William de Assingdone.

Thomas Seli, by Roger Lechier, John le Barber.

5. *On the death of John de Bristowe.*

Farndone Without

On Tuesday before the Feast of St. Martin [11 Nov.] the year aforesaid, information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that a certain John de Bristowe lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in the church of St. Paul, in the Ward of Nicholas de Farndone.[1] Thereupon, they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of the said Ward and of the three nearest Wards viz.: Castle Baynard, Bread Street and the Ward of William le Mazerer, they diligently enquired how it happened. They say on their oath that when the said John went on the preceding Monday at the third hour into the said church to pray, being seized there with the falling sickness (*morbo caduco*) he

[1] Nicholas de Farndone, in his will dated 1334, described his Aldermanry as that of Farndone *within* Ludgate and Newgate and *without*—('Cal. of Wills, Court of Husting,' i. 398). It will be seen that separate jury panels were summonded from the Wards of Farndone Within and Farndone Without, although it was not until 1394 that the Ward of Farndone Without obtained a statutory right to appoint its own Alderman (Stat. 17, Ric. II. Cap. xiii).

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placed himself near a certain pillar, and through weakness and infirmity then and there died at midday. Being asked who were present, they say that there were many passing by and praying, whose names they knew not.

The corpse was viewed on which there appeared no hurt, wound or bruise.

Two neighbours attached, viz.:

Henry Parcheminer, by John de Chabeham, Adam de Chabeham.

John le Sherman, by John de Berkingge, Peter le Liminour.

6. *On the death of Robert de Shordiche.*

Portsoken

On Tuesday next after the Feast of St. Martin [11 Nov.] the year aforesaid [A.D. 1300], information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs, that a certain Robert de Shordiche lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in his house which he held of Edmund Trentemars without Aldgate, in the parish of St. Botolph, in the Ward of Portsoken. Thereupon they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of the said Ward and of the three nearest Wards viz.: Billingsgate, Tower and Bishopsgate, they diligently enquired how it happened. They say on their oath that when on the preceding Sunday a certain William le Wallere came to the house of the said Robert and stole a tunic (*collobium*) belonging to him and pledged it with John de Ipswich, carpenter, for 7 pence, the said Robert discovering this, sought out the said William and found him whom he suspected, and assaulted him ordering him to restore his tunic; that the said William, being terrified, said that he had pledged the tunic for 7 pence offering to go with the said Robert to redeem it; that they proceeded together to the house of the said John before the hour of curfew, and entering it the said William demanded the restoration of his tunic for the said 7 pence; that thereupon the said John, moved to anger, struck the said Robert under the right breast with a dagger, inflicting a wound an inch in breadth and two inches deep; that the said Robert lingered until Monday next after the Feast of St. Martin and then died,

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about the third hour of the wound aforesaid. Being asked who were present, they say only those three. Being asked whither went the said John after committing the felony, they say that he tarried in his house which he hired of the Prioress of St. Helen, and, as soon as he heard of Robert's death took flight, but whither they know not. Being asked whither went the said William le Wallere who stole the tunic, they say that he remained the whole of that night with the said John, and on the morrow was delivered to Luke de Haveryng, the Sheriff, together with the tunic. The corpse was viewed on which the wound appeared. Precept to the Sheriffs to attach the said John when found in their bailiwick. The chattels of the said John valued at 9*s.* 6*d.* for which Luke de Haveryng, the Sheriff, will answer. Afterwards, the said John surrendered himself to Neugate prison and at the gaol-delivery before R[alph] de Sandwich and S[tephen] de Gravesende, the Justices, on Tuesday before the Feast of St. Nicholas [6 Dec.] 30 Edward [A.D. 1302] was acquitted by a jury; and at the delivery on Monday the eve of St. James [25 July] a° 29 [A.D. 1301] was acquitted by a jury.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

Luke le Cordewaner, by John le Lung, John le Pottere.

Walter le Teinturer, by John Billerica, William Perer.

John de Dene, by John le Fulmere, Simon le Cotiller.

John Clerk, by Robert le Turnour and Geoffrey le Wayere.

7. *On the death of Cristina de Menstre.*

Walebrok

On Monday the morrow of St. Edmund the King [20 Nov.] 29 Edward I. [A.D. 1301], information given to John the Clerk, Coroner, and the Sheriffs of London that a certain Cristina de Menstre lay dead of a death other than her rightful death, in the churchyard of St. Mary de Wolcherchehawe in the Ward of Walebrok. Thereupon they proceeded thither and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the three nearest Wards viz.: Cornhull, Bradestrete and Langebourne they diligently enquired how it happened. They say, on their oath, that when on the preceding Sunday, in the twilight of the evening, a certain

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William le Sawiere of Kershalton[1] met the said Cristina at the Eastern corner of the said churchyard and asked her to spend the night with him, and she refused and endeavoured to escape from his hands, the said William, moved with anger, drew a certain Irish knife (*cultellum Yberniacum*) and struck the said Cristina under the right shoulder-blade, causing a wound an inch broad and six inches deep, of which wound she then and there died. Being asked who were present, they say No one except those two. Being asked what became of the said William after the felony, they say, that being immediately followed by a cry[2] he was captured and taken to Neugate. The corpse was viewed on which appeared the wound and no other hurt. Afterwards at the delivery of Neugate before the Justices on Saturday before the Feast of St. Andrew [30 Nov.] 29 Edward I. [A.D. 1301] the said William caused himself to be appealed Ric' [*sic*] and put himself on a jury by whom he was condemned and hanged.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

John Page, by Thomas le Flemeng, Hugh de Wolcherchehawe.

Roger de Coumbe, by John de Bury, William le Lung.

Ralph le Coupere, by John de Alegate, Nicholas le Peyntour.

Walter de Wanlok, by John de Lenegarstone and Richard de Londenestone.

8. *On the death of Michael Cardoyl.*

Cordewaner-strete

On Friday after the Feast of St. Andrew [30 Nov.] the year aforesaid [A.D. 1300], information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs, that a certain Michael "Cardoil" lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in his house in the Ward of Thomas Romeyn in the parish of Holy Trinity the less. Thereupon, they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of the said Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Farndone Within, Bredstrate and Crepulgate, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors say that, when,

[1] Carshalton, co. Surrey.

[2] All persons present when a felony was committed were bound to raise a hue and cry against an offender who had escaped, under penalty of fine and imprisonment. See also Stat. of Westminster, 3 Edward I., Cap. 9 [A.D. 1275].

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on the preceding Thursday, at the hour of Vespers, a certain Master John "de Elmenham" and Robert his brother were standing at the door of the church of St. Peter de Wodestrate near the new Cross in Chepe[1] the said Michael was sitting at a stall in the Goldsmithery (*Aurifabria*), and perceiving the said John and Robert, he got up and entered the stall of John le Disshere and sat there; and because of former rancour and abuse, a wordy strife arose between them so that the said Robert drew a certain Irish knife and struck the said Michael upon the left breast inflicting a wound an inch broad and penetrating through the body; that he lingered until midnight and then died of the wound. Being asked what became of the said Robert after committing the felony, they say that he immediately took refuge in the church of St. Mary Magdalen de Melkstrate with his knife drawn. Being asked if the aforesaid Master John had aided and abetted the felony, they say that, immediately after the felony, seeing his brother taking flight, he drew a certain knife called a "misericorde"[2] and ran after his brother as far as the church in order to rescue him; that he then entered his house which was near the church, and thence made his escape by a gutter to the church of All Hallows de Honilane, where he remained, and both refused to surrender. Being asked who were present, they say that a great number were passing by, but their names they knew not. The corpse was viewed on which appeared the wound but no other hurt. The chattels of the said Master John and Robert were valued at 65 shillings for which, Richard de Caumpes, the Sheriff, will answer. Afterwards the said Robert "Delmham" had the King's charter of peace, and brought the King's writ to the Sheriffs of London to proclaim his peace *temp.* Geoffrey de Conduit and Simon Bolet, the date of the writ being 20 March 35 Edward I. [A.D. 1306–7].

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

Nicholas de Bury, by John de Burgo and Nicholas Cook.

[1] The Cross erected in 1290 by Edward I. in honour of his deceased wife, Queen Eleanor.

[2] So called from its being used for giving the *coup de grace* to anybody or anything wounded and at the point of death.

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Robert le Keu, by John de Baterichesseye,[1] William Sone.

Reymund de Burdeus, by William de Gloucestre, Thomas de Kent.

Nicholas le Corviser,[2] by Robert Cook, Collard de Bery.

9. *On the death of Hervey, cook of John de "Segrave."*

Vintry

On Sunday before the Feast of St. Nicholas [6 Dec.] 29 Edward I. [A.D. 1300], information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that a certain Hervey, servant of John "Wade," lay dead of a death other than his rightful death, in the house of the said John, in the parish of St. James de Garlekhuthe, in the Ward of Vintry. Thereupon, they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of the said Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Queenhithe, Cordewanestrete and Douegate, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors say that when, on the preceding Saturday, after the hour of curfew, the said Hervey and a certain John Bradequoer, clerk of John Wade, were sitting in the Hall, a dispute arose about a certain forcer[3] that had been removed from the house of their master; that the said John charged the said Hervey with its removal, and the said Hervey called the said John a liar, whereupon the said John, being moved to anger, took a piece of wood called "talwhschide"[4] and therewith struck the said Hervey on the left side of the head, inflicting a wound 2½ inches in breadth and reaching the brain; that the said Hervey lingered until the morning and then died of the wound. Being asked who were present, they say No one except those two, but the aforesaid John Wade was in his chamber near his bed with his shoes off, and on hearing the noise came down into the hall, and when the said John Bradequoer heard him coming, he went out by the Hall-door and fled, but whither they know not. Being asked if they had any suspicion of the said John Wade in respect of the death, they say No. The corpse was viewed on

[1] Battersea.
[2] Cordwainer.
[3] Strong-box.
[4] A long billet of wood, called also "talwode."—'Cal. Letter-Book G.' pp. 149, 150. Cf. *infra* a staff called "Shide." Roll. I., 33.

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which the wound appeared, but no other hurt. Precept issued to the Sheriffs to attach the said John Bradequoer, when found in their bailiwick. The chattels of the said John were valued at 6*s.* 7*d.*, for which Richard de Caumpes, the Sheriff, will answer.

John Wade attached by Adam Wade le Chaundeler.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

Thomas de Hertford called "Naverathom,"[1] by Henry Mounquey, Richard de Dorkyng.

John Waus, by John atte Leye, John Fraunceys.

Laurence de Totenham by Nicholas Tailor, Simon le Chaundeler.

John de Berden "joynour," by John de Wetheresfeld, William Bonsy (Bousy?).

10.—On Sunday before the Feast of St. Nicholas [6 Dec.] the same year, a certain William Brokkesheved fled to the church of St. Swithin de Candelwyk and confessed that he had killed Anabil his wife, and refused to surrender. Afterwards he escaped from the church. His chattels valued at 2*s.* for which Luke de Haveryng, the Sheriff, will answer. *Candelwyk-strete*

11. *On the death of William Hampnie (Hampme?).*

On Monday before the Feast of St. Lucia [13 Dec.] the year aforesaid [A.D. 1300], information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs, that a certain William de Hampme, servant of Richard le Sawiere, lay dead of a death other than his rightful death, in the house of the said Richard, in the parish of St. Mary de Abbecherche, in the Ward of Kandelwikstrate. Thereupon, they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of the said Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Bridge, Douegate and Billingsgate, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors say that the said William was suffering from a certain malady in his leg called a *festre*, and had so suffered for the last three years; that on the preceding Sunday about the hour of Vespers, a certain *Candelwik-*

[1] Never-at-home. Cf. John "Naverathom" similarly attached at a Coroner's Inquest held in 1277.—'Cal. Letter-Book B,' p. 266; Simon "Naverathom," 'Liber Albus,' i. 83.

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vein in his leg burst, so that, being unable to stop the flow of blood, he became weakened and lingered until the hour of curfew when he died. Being asked if they suspected any one of his death, they say No one. Being asked who were present in the house when this happened they say the aforesaid Richard and Alice his wife.

The said Richard attached by Walter Pain, Robert le Wodere.

Two neighbours attached, viz.: Robert Morice, by Thomas de Wyncestre, Gilbert de Mortone.

Godfrey de Kemesinge, by Thomas de Bekenesfeld, Thomas ate Leie.

12. *On the death of Richard le Brewere.*

Bridge

On Sunday before the Feast of St. Thomas [21 Dec.] the year aforesaid [A.D. 1300], information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that a certain Richard le Brewere lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in the house of Roger Smalpon, in the parish of St. Magnus, in the Ward of Bridge. Thereupon, they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of the said Ward, and of three nearest Wards, viz.: Candelwyk, Douegate and Billingesgate, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors say that when, on the preceding Wednesday, the said Richard was going up a step of a solar in the house of William Cros, carrying a bag of malt (*portando quamdam carbanam cum bracio*), being overcome with drink, he by accident stumbled from the said step and fell, rupturing his bowels and diaphragm, and so lived until the following Friday, when he died about the hour of curfew. Being asked if they had any suspicion touching his death they say None. Being asked who were present, they say Only himself. The corpse was viewed, on which no wound appeared. The step valued at 2*s*.[1] for which Luke de Haveringe will answer.

[1] Here is another instance of objects, animate and inanimate, being made to bear the guilt of homicide, which would more justly have been ascribed to beer. (See Pollock and Maitland, "Hist. of English Law," ii. 472n.) In one case at least, where a tipsy man was going up a ship's mast by means of a rope and fell, the jury honestly attributed his death to his *drunkenness and the rope*. *Infra*, Roll F, 5.

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William Cross, attached by Thomas Spileman, Richard de Pelham.

Roger Smalpon, by Edward Lambyn, Robert de Mockynge.

Two neighbours attached, viz.:

Adam Hospynel by Pentecost Oistermongere, Walter de Grene.

Ralph Miles, by Eustace le Cotiller and Walter de Borham.

13. *On the death of Johanna de Cherringe.*

Portsoken

On Saturday the eve of the Nativity [25 Dec.] the year aforesaid [A.D. 1300], information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that a certain Johanna de Cherringe of Canterbury lay drowned between the Tower of London and the Hospital of St. Katherine, in the Ward of Portsoken, in the parish of St. Botolph without Aldgate. Thereupon they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of the said Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Billingsgate, Alegate and the Tower, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors say that on Friday before the Feast of St. Thomas [21 Dec.] the said Johanna came to the gate of Billingsgate being pursued by Laurence le Poleter, the King's poulterer, who compelled her to drown herself. Being asked whence came the said Johanna or for what reason the said Laurence had so acted, they say they know not, nor did they suspect any one else of the said death. Being asked what became of the said Laurence, they say that he was taken and brought to Neugate prison. The corpse was viewed, on which there appeared no wound or hurt. Afterwards the said Laurence was acquitted thereof by a jury at the delivery of Neugate held on Wednesday after the Feast of St. Hilary [13 Jan.] the year aforesaid [A.D. 1300–1] before R[alph] de Sandwych and S[tephen] de Graveshende, Justices.

Thomas Bedel, butcher, attached by John Carle, William Serle.

Edmund Trentemars, by Walter le Gerdlere, John Billirica.

John Romeneye, by Gilbert le Barber, Robert le Treyour.

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14. *On the death of Copin le Kyng.*

Douegate On Friday before the Feast of the Purification [2 Feb.] the aforesaid year [A.D. 1300–1], information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that a certain Copin le Kyng lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in the house that he hired of Robert de Rokesle, in the Ward of Douegate in the parish of St. Laurence de Kandelwykstrate.[1] Thereupon, they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of the said Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Candelwykstrate, Langebourne and Bridge, they diligently examined how it happened. The jurors say that when, on Thursday before the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul [13 Jan.], after the hour of curfew, a certain coster (*costardius*), *i.e.* a man carrying apples for sale, came before the building of Master Gilbert the Marshal at the top of the street (*in summo vico*) near Graschirche crying "Costard apples for sale," the said Copin and a certain William Osbern bargained for some of the apples, and wished to carry off five of them against the will of the bearer, and thereupon he made a noise and clamour. Whereupon there came a certain Thomas le Brewere who reprimanded the said Copin and William for taking the apples against the wish of the vendor, so that angry words arose between them and the aforesaid Copin and William assaulted Thomas le Brewere, following him with abuse as far as Fancherche, where, at the top of the street, the said Thomas turned back and struck the said Copin on the left side of the head with a staff called *Balstaf*,[2] inflicting a wound an inch long and two inches deep, and another wound on the right side of the head of the same length and breadth [*sic*]; that the said Copin lingered until Thursday before the Purification and then died of the said wounds at the hour of Prime; but they say that the said Thomas acted in self-defence. Being asked what became of the said Thomas, they say that he was taken and committed to prison at Kingstone, where he was living, and thence to Neugate, and that he had no chattels in London. The corpse was viewed on which the said wounds appeared. Afterwards the said

[1] St. Laurence Poultney.

[2] Otherwise known as *Balghstaff* or *Balkstaff*, a cudgel or quarterstaff.

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Thomas had a day of delivery before the Justices of Neugate in the Octave of Trinity, on which day came Christiana wife of the said Copin, prepared to prosecute her appeal against the said Thomas, and brought a writ to the Sheriffs to have the body of the said Thomas before the King wheresoever &c., pursuant to which he was taken there, and there the matter was determined. Afterwards the lord the King allowed the said Thomas suit of his peace, and the writ remains in the hands of Hugh Pourte, Sheriff in the 31st year.

William Cosyn attached by Richard le Bevere, John Baunquer, Geoffrey le Taverner, Gilbert the Marshal, Walter Creie, John de Bois.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

Robert de Roquesle, by Richard le Barber, William Canoun.

William de Parys, by Henry de St. Osith (?), Elias Shereman.

Walter le Follere, by Clement le Pestour, Hugh de Stebenhuthe.

Walter de Kent, by Richard de Lauvare, William de Basingge.

15. *On the death of Robert de Balsham.*

Billingesgate

On Ash Wednesday [15 Feb.] the year aforesaid [A.D. 1300–1], information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that a certain Robert de Balsham, le Cordewaner, lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in the house which he hired of John Gumbard in the parish of St. Andrew the Apostle,[1] in the Ward of Billingesgate. Thereupon, they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of the said Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Bridge, Tower and Langbourne, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors say that when, on the preceding Friday, about midnight, the said Robert, who was afflicted with a grievous infirmity from which he had suffered for three weeks past, rose from his bed and laid himself on the ground where he immediately died. Being asked who were present, they say No one except himself and Isabella his wife. Being asked if they suspected any man or woman of his death,

[1] St. Andrew Hubbard.

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they say No. The corpse was viewed and there appeared no hurt nor bruise.

The said Isabella, attached by Peter Beauclerk and William de Lambourne.

Two neighbours attached, viz.:

Robert de Wandlesworth, by Roger de Wandlesworth, John le Hakiere.

John atte Dene, by Henry Tollelove, Reginald Forbour.

16. *On the death of Roger le Brewere.*

Walebrok On Sunday before the Feast of St. Peter in Cathedrâ [1 Aug.] the year aforesaid [A.D. 1301], information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that a certain Roger le Brewere lay dead of a death other than his rightful death, in the house of Adam de Ely, fishmonger, in the parish of St. Mary de Bothawe, in the Ward of Walebrok. The jurors say that when, on the preceding Saturday, the said Roger, about the ninth hour left the kitchen of the said Adam de Ely complaining of a disorder called *Tisik*, he asked Agnes, his wife, whom he found in the Hall, to summon a chaplain to come to him immediately; that the said Agnes ran to a church [but] before his arrival, the said Roger fell dead in the Hall of the said disorder. Being asked if they suspected any man or woman of the death, they say No. Being asked who were present, they say the aforesaid Agnes, and Margery her servant. The corpse viewed, on which appeared neither wound nor hurt.

Adam [de] Ely, attached by Walter de Chichestre, Roger le Seler.

Agnes, wife of the said Adam, by Ralph le Forbour, Robert le Cordewaner.

Margery, their servant, by Hugh le Cordewaner, Roger le Plomer.

Two neighbours attached, viz.:

William Reyner, by William de Norhamptone, John de Kemesynge, baker.

John le Botiller, by William Walramen, Simon le Taillour.

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17. *On the Death of Joice de Cornwall.*

On Monday after the Feast of St. Gregory [12 March] the year aforesaid (A.D. 1300–1), information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs, that a certain Joice de Cornwall, "peleter,"[1] lay dead of a death other than his rightful death, in a street near the church of St. Mary de Bothhawe, in the Ward of Walebrok. Thereupon, they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of the said Ward, and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Douegate, Candelwikstrate and Vintry, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors say that on the preceding Monday, at the hour of Vespers, the said Joice and a certain Thomas de Bristoll, skinner, were playing chequers on a bench (*ultra perticam*) in the house of Alice de Wautham, when there came Robert de Exeter, Roger de Lincoln, and Henry de Lincoln, bringing with them a certain woman over the chequers; that thereupon the said Thomas de Bristoll found fault with them so that angry words arising between them, the said Robert de Exeter seized the said Thomas by the shoulders and stript him of all his clothes down to his girdle; that finding, thereupon, that the said Thomas had a dagger, the said Robert seized and drew it. Seeing this, the said Thomas escaped to a room upstairs; that the said Robert then assaulted the said Joice who quitted the house, being followed by Robert as far as the corner of Paternosterlane, who then struck him with the said dagger, inflicting a wound on the left side of his chest under the breast, three inches deep, and one inch broad, with which wound the said Joice proceeded to the church of Bothawe, but fell in the street and immediately died of the aforesaid wound. Being asked if the said Roger and Henry were abettors of the felony, they say Yes. Being asked what became of the felons after the felony, they say they immediately fled, but whither, they know not. Being asked as to their goods and chattels the jurors say they have none. Being asked if any more were present at the time, they say None, except Leticia, the servant of Alice, who sold ale there. The corpse viewed, on which appeared the said wound and no other hurt. Precept to the

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[1] Pelterer, a dealer in raw hides.

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Sheriffs to arrest the felons as soon as they be found in their bailiwick.

The above Leticia attached by Roger de Norwiz, John de Wyrecestre.

Thomas de Bristoll, by Richard Longevile and Salomon le Joynnour.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

James le Botiller, by Hugh le Cordewaner, Roger le Plomer.

Adam de Barchon, by John de Cornwall, John Woderove, "Teler."

Salomon le Joynour, by Henry le Mareschal, Stephen de Hertford.

William Reyner, by John de Kemesink, John le Botoner.

18. *On the death of Simon de Teye.*

Queenhithe On Easter Sunday [2 April] the year aforesaid [A.D. 1301], information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that a certain Simon de "Teie" lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in the Court (*in Curia*) of John de Chigewelle, outside the gate of his Hall on the Western side in the Ward of Queenhithe, in the parish of St. Mary de Somersete. Thereupon they proceeded thither and having summoned good men of the said Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Vintry, Bredstrete and Castle Baynard, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors say that when on Easter Eve, as it was growing dark, the said Simon mounted a ladder to the top of the house to fetch a saddle that had been laid in a gutter to dry, on returning he placed his right arm *per medium strigilli*, so as to carry it, and the saddle fell from his neck and carried him down along with it so that they both fell upon the pavement from a height of 16 feet, from which fall the said Simon immediately died. Being asked who were present, they say that a certain Bartholomew Cook was in the kitchen. Being asked if they suspected any one else of the said death, they say No. The corpse viewed of which the whole of the left side of the head appeared crushed and the body bruised. The ladder valued at 2*s.* for which Luke de Haveryng, the Sheriff, will answer.

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Bartholomew Cook, as being present, attached by William Flinthard and Thomas de Shirebourne.

Two neighbours attached, viz.:

William Faber, by Stephen Bernard and Matthew de Dodintone.

Robert le Couper, by John Bernard and John Fichs.

19. *On the death of Philip le Faitour.*

Farndone

On Friday after the day called "Hokeday"[1] the year aforesaid [A.D. 1301], information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that a certain Philip le Faitour lay dead of a death other than his rightful death at the top of the street (*in summo vico*) of Westchepe opposite the church of St. Mary le Quern, in the Ward of Nicholas de Farndone Within (*infra*), in the parish aforesaid. Thereupon they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of the said Ward, and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: the Ward of William le Maserer,[2] Crepelgate, and Castle Baynard, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors say that when on the preceding Thursday, as it was growing dark, there came the said Philip, a certain Henry le Portour, Roger le Stronge and Peter Pecok through Westchepe, and the said Philip and Henry were quarrelling together, when they came opposite the said church, the aforesaid Henry le Faitour[3] drew an anelace and therewith struck the said Philip on the right side of the body, inflicting a wound an inch broad and four inches deep, reaching to the heart; that he lingered untill midnight, when he died of the said wound. Being asked who were present, they say No one except those four. Being asked if the said Roger le Stronge and Peter Pecok were abettors of the felony, they say [No] but that they ran after the felon and were unable to catch him. What became of him, they know not. Being asked as to their goods and chattels the jurors say they had none. The corpse viewed on which the wound appeared, but no other hurt. Precept to the

[1] The third Tuesday after Easter, when rough play known as "Hok-kyng" was practised in the streets. See Riley's 'Memorials,' p. 562, note.

[2] Aldersgate Ward.

[3] Clerical error for Henry *le Portour*.

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Sheriffs to attach Roger le Stronge, Peter Pecok and Henry le Portour as soon as they be found in their bailiwick.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

William Bole, by Roger Russel, Adam de Canterbure.
Henry de Belhous, by William Horn, William Vigerous.
Adam le Barber, by Roger Scot and John de Northerne.
William le Chaundeler, by Thomas de Aveyns and John "Discarium."

20.—The same year John le Espicer of Cornhull complains of bloodshed caused by John Faber of Cornhull in Whitsun week. Pledges for prosecution, viz.: William Fratre and William Forest: and John Faber is attached by Geoffrey Gordeleis and Adam Mohant.

21. *On the death of Peter de Huntingdon.*

Douegate On Saturday after the Feast of H. Trinity [28 May] the year aforesaid [A.D. 1301], information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that a certain Peter de Huntyngdon lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in the house of Richard Bene in the parish of All Hallows on the solars (*super solar'*)[1] in the Ward of Douegate. Thereupon they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of the said Ward, and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Bridge, Candelwikstrate, and Walebrok, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors say that when on Saturday the Feast of St. John *ante Portam Latinam* [6 May], the said Peter and a certain Andrew Prille came to the house of Walter Vigerous and there continued drinking until after the hour of Vespers, they by mutual consent agreed to wrestle; that, afterwards, the said Andrew left the said Peter, saying that he would no more wrestle as his clothes were torn, and that thereupon the said Peter took off his own vest (*Wardecors*) and handed it to Andrew for him to wrestle in it; that they then wrestled with all their strength and gripped each other in such a way that Peter's right leg was broken, and so he lingered until Thursday after Trinity,

[1] More commonly known as All Hallows on the Cellars (*super celar'*) or All Hallows the Less, to distinguish it from All Hallows at the hay-wharf (*ad fenum*) or All Hallows the Great.

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when he died as night was coming on, from the fracture and bad attention. Being asked who were present, they say the aforesaid Walter Vigerous, Alice his wife, and a certain Richard Bene. Being asked what became of Andrew Prille they say that he went wandering about, but after he knew of Peter's death he fled, but whither, they know not. Being asked as to the goods and chattels of the said Andrew they say he had none. The corpse was viewed, the leg of which appeared fractured and gangrened. Precept to the Sheriffs, to attach the said Andrew as soon as he appeared in their bailiwick.

Walter Vigerous, attached by Geoffrey Vigerous, Walter de Creie.

The above Alice, by William Tailor, William Edward.

Richard Bene, by William de Castello, "fever," John le Barber.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

Reginald de Walsingham, by William de Parys and Elias Shereman.

Reginald de Thunderleie, by William de Writle and William de Douegate.

"Hyoun" de Wytle, by William de Mallyng and Geoffrey le Cordewaner.

Estmere de Wyntonia, by "Hugh" de Whittele, Thomas de Wyntonia.

22. *On the death of Alice, wife of Adam Cobel.*

Farndone Without

Wednesday before the Feast of St. Barnabas [11 June] the year aforesaid, information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that a certain Alice, wife of Adam Cobel, lay dead of a death other than her rightful death and was buried in the church-yard of St. Sepulchre without Neugate, in the Ward of Nicholas de Farndone, without. Thereupon, they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: of Walter de Fynchingfeld *extra Wardam*,[1] of William le Maserer[2] and of Castle Baynard, they diligently enquired how

[1] Cripplegate Without. | [2] Aldersgate Ward.

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it happened. The jurors say that when on Maundy Thursday (*die Jovis in cena domini*) after the hour of curfew there came a certain John le Sherman and Augustine le Curszon to the house of the said Adam in the rent (*in redditu*) of the Prior of St. Bartholomew in Smethefeld, and brake the door and windows and made a premeditated assault upon and badly beat the said Adam; that the said Alice wishing to help her husband interposed to save him, and was so beaten by the said John and Augustine, that she shortly gave birth prematurely to a child, and afterwards lingered until Wednesday after the Feast of Holy Trinity [28 May] when she died of her injuries about the hour of Vespers. Being asked who were present, they say the aforesaid Adam, Alice, John and Augustine. Being asked what became of the said John and Augustine, they say that they immediately fled, but whither they know not. Being asked as to their goods and chattels the jurors say they had none, so far as they could learn. Precept to the Sheriffs to attach the said John and Augustine as soon as they be found in their bailiwick.

The said Adam Cobel attached by John Totlemound and Hugh de Saxham.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

Joice atte Walle, by John Mountoriel and Roger atte Stoples.

John de Soham, by Peter de Berkynge and Henry Marescall.

Walter Louerd, by Hugh Pope and Henry le Ridere.

John Morice, by William Taillour and Geoffrey de Somersete.

23. *On the death of Richard de St. Alban.*

Bisshopesgate On Thursday before the Feast of St. Barnabas [11 June] the year aforesaid [A.D. 1301], information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that a certain Richard de St. Alban lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in the stable of Reginald Woleward, in the parish of St. Athelburga within Bisshopesgate in the same Ward. Thereupon, they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of the said Ward and of the three nearest

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Wards, viz.: Cornhull, Bradestrete and Ferthingwarde,[1] they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors say that on the preceding Wednesday, about midday, the said Richard, grievously suffering from a quinsy (*morbo squinacie*), wandered about and entered his master's stable where he fell down and suddenly died of that malady. Being asked who were present, they say No one except a certain Gunnora, a servant of the said Reginald, who was in the Hall, nor did they suspect anyone of the death. The corpse viewed, the neck and throat of which appeared large and swollen, but no other hurt.

The said Reginald, attached by Robert Dodeman and William le Hornere.

The said Gunnora, by John Litle and William Hirais.

Two neighbours attached, viz.:

William Pinguoun, by John Mareschal, John Chaundeler.

Alexander Punge, by Edmund de Suffolk, William Poyntel.

24. *On the death of Robert le "Braceour."*

Tower

On Sunday the morrow of St. Botolph [17 June] the year aforesaid [A.D. 1301], information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that a certain Robert le "Brasour" lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in the rent of Thomas Pourte, in the parish of St. Dunstan towards the Tower, in Tower Ward. Thereupon they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of the said Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Billingesgate, Langebourne and Alegate, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors say that when, on the Sunday before the Feast of St. Barnabas [11 June], the said Robert had come into Wodestrate after the hour of Vespers, and had met a certain Robert de Amias, they quarrelled together, both being inebriated, and the said Robert de "Hamias" beat the said Robert le Brasour with an oak stick; that the latter then went towards the church of St. Bartholomew the Little, and there lay

[1] Another name for Lime Street Ward. See 'Cal. Letter-Book B,' p. 183 n. Cf. Hust. Roll, 191 (11), where the parish of St. Andrew on Cornhill is described as being *in Warda de Lymestrete, alias dicta Ferthyngward* at a time (1460) when William Hulyn was its Alderman.

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down on a trunk and passed the night; that at sunrise on the morrow he went to the house of Henry Poteman, his master, who reprimanded him for leaving his house without permission, paid him his wages (*solvens ei servicium suum*), and ordered him to leave the house; that he thereupon went to the house of John Butcher and there lingered until the Thursday before the Feast of St. Barnabas, when he died after the hour of Prime; they say, however, that he was not nearer death nor farther from life by reason of the beating, but that he died from the illness he contracted by passing the night in the street, and not from any felony. Being asked what became of the said Robert de Amyas, they say that immediately on learning of the death of Robert le Brasour he fled, but whither they know not, nor had he any chattels. The corpse viewed, the arm of which appeared bruised and excoriated, and the body, in many places, blue. Precept to the Sheriffs to attach the said Robert de Amyas as soon as he be found in their bailiwick.

Two neighbours attached, viz.:

Thomas Pourte, by William le Surgien and Simon le Cotiller.

William de Gillingham, by Laurence le Dubbour and Nicholas de Haddeley.

25. *On the death of William de Otteford*

Langbourne On Wednesday after the Feast of Nativity of St. John Bapt. [24 June] the year aforesaid [A.D. 1301], information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs, that a certain William de Otteford lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in the house of William Mokelyn, in the parish of St. Edmund the King, in the Ward of Langbourne. Thereupon they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of the said Ward, and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Cornhill, Candelwikstrate and Bridge, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors say that when on the preceding Tuesday, before the hour of Vespers, the said William had come to the house of the said William Mokelyn grievously suffering from a quartan fever he asked to be allowed to rest there, until the attack should pass off; that he laid himself on

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the ground, and after a little while (*post pusillum*) died of the fever. They suspect no one of the death. Being asked who were present, they say No one except himself and the said William Mokelyn. The corpse viewed, on which no hurt appeared.

The said William Mokelin attached by John le Barbier and Simon le Taillour.

Two neighbours attached, viz. :

John de Shaftesbury, by William le Taverner, John le Chaundeler.

Walter le Coupere, by Thomas le Tapicer, Reginald le Tapicer.

26. *On the death of Richard, son of John le Mazon.*

On Friday the eve of the Feast of St. Mary Magdalen [22 July] the year aforesaid [A.D. 1301], information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs, that a certain Richard son of John le Mazon lay dead of a death other than his rightful death on the strand (*super strandam*) of Queenhithe, in the parish of St. Michael in the Ward of William de Betoyne.[1] Thereupon, they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of the said Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz. : Bredstrete, Vintry and Bridge, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors say that when, on the preceding Tuesday, the said Richard, who was 8 years of age, was walking, immediately after dinner, across London Bridge to school, he hung by his hands in play from a certain beam on the side of the bridge, so that, his hands giving way, he fell into the water and was drowned. Being asked who were present, they say a great multitude of passers-by, whose names they know not, but they suspect no one of the death except the said mischance. The corpse viewed, on which there appeared no wound or hurt. *Queenhithe*

Two neighbours attached, viz. :

John de Brinkele, by Adam Wade and Richard de Dorkyng.

Philip Galoun, by John Taverner, William Hathewy.

[1] Alderman of Queenhithe Ward, from *circ.* 1288 until his death in 1305 (Beaven's "Aldermen of London.")

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27. *On the Death of William Baman.*

Langebourne On Thursday after the Feast of St. Peter ad Vincula [1 Aug.] the year aforesaid [A.D. 1301], information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that a certain William Baman de Chaurede lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in the house of William Abel, in the rent of Henry le Galeis, in the Ward of Langebourne. Thereupon they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of the said Ward, and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Cornhull, Walebrok, and Bradestret, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors say that when, on Thursday after the Feast of the Translation of St. Thomas the Martyr [7 July], the aforesaid year, the said William was in the house of Philip de Spine, after the hour of curfew, a quarrel having arisen between two dogs belonging to the said Philip, the said William savagely struck one of the dogs, and thereupon the said Philip, moved to anger, began to rate the said William; seeing which, a certain "Thouse,"[1] steward (*dispensator*) of the said Philip, took a staff called *Balstaf*, and therewith beat the said William on his arms and shoulders; that the said William lingered until Monday, the eve of the Feast of St. Peter ad Vincula, when he died of the beating at dawn. Being asked who were present, they say No one except those three. Being asked if the said Philip abetted the felony or not, they say Yes, and that he afterwards harboured the said "Touse." Being asked what became of the said Philip and Touse, they say that, perceiving that the said William was near unto death, they fled, but whither, the jurors know not. Being asked if they suspected any one else of the death, they say No. The corpse viewed, on which the right arm appeared swollen and inflamed, and the body, between the shoulders, blue. Precept to the Sheriffs to attach the said Philip and "Thouse" when found in their bailiwick. Their chattels valued at £107 10*s.* 4*d.*, their debts excepted, and bonds satisfied[2] (*et literis contentis*), for which sum of money and bonds aforesaid Luke de Haverynge, the Sheriff, will answer.

Afterwards, the said chattels were given up by virtue of the

[1] "Touse le Lumbard," in margin. | [2] This interpretation is doubtful.

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King's writ, which is in the hands of Luke; and "Thouse" has the King's writ of peace, which is in the hands of Hugh Pourte.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

Ralph le Conver, by Nicholas the painter, John Sailleby.

Simon fitz Robert, by William Amys, William de Dagenhale.

Thomas le Maderman, by John de Shaftesbury, John le Chaundeler.

Walter le Conver, by Walter de Kydemenstre, William Oggelin.

28. *On the death of John Kyngessone.*

Farndone

On Tuesday before the Feast of St Laurence [10 Aug.] the year aforesaid [A.D. 1301], information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that a certain John Kyngessone, "paternoster," lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in the house of John Lamb, "paternoster," in the rent of Henry de "Keyles," in the Ward of Nicholas de Farndone. Thereupon they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of the said Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Aldresgate, Crepelgate, and Castle Baynard, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors say that when on Sunday before the Feast of St. James [25 July] at the hour of Vespers, the said John was sitting with Thomas Willeday in the house of Henry de "Keilles" outside Aldresgate, angry words arose between them and they went out of the house into the street; that the said Thomas drew a knife and struck the said John on the right arm between the elbow and the hand, inflicting a wound an inch long and half an inch broad; that the said John Kyngessone and Henry de Westminster and John Pikèman, "paternosters," went to the house of John Lamb their master, but not being able to get in, they walked as far as the croft called "Seintemaricroft" near "Witewellebeche"[1] in co. Middlesex and there slept; that thereupon came Peter le "Cornmangere" who lived outside the Bar of Smethefeld, William, son of JohnWerkman of "Whitewellebeche," Robert le Tillere, called "Renaboute" living there in the rent of Stephen Thorghugod and Robert le Haltere living there in the rent of Michael de Wellesdale, who were keep-

[1] Near Clerkenwell.

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ing watch there that night for the preservation of the peace, and finding them sleeping, took them for robbers; that thereupon angry words arising, the said watchmen beat the said John and his companions with sticks all over the body; that the said John lingered until Monday before the Feast of St. Laurence when he died from the effects of the beating at daybreak. Being asked who were present they say No one except the said watchmen and the said Henry de Westminster and John Pikeman. Being asked if the said John Kyngessone was brought nearer death and further from life by the wound on his arm, they say No. Being asked if the aforesaid watchmen were guilty of the death they say Yes. Being asked what became of the watchmen they (the jurors) say that remained in their houses outside the Bar of Smethefeld in the county of Middlesex. The corpse viewed, a great part of which appeared blue and bruised. Precept to the Sheriffs to attach the said watchmen whenever found in their bailiwick.

The said John de Westminster, attached by John le Perere, Robert de Dudlington.

The said John Pikeman went home (*patriam suam adivit*), grievously beaten, and has no chattels.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

Henry the Surgeon, by John Brough and William de Assindone.

Thomas de Aveines by John Meel, John de Essex, "seler."[1]

Thomas Meel, by John de Berkyng, Robert Scot.

Henry del Belhous, by John de Burgo, William de Westmelle.

29. *On the death of Walter de Elmeleye.*

Crepelgate On Friday after the Decollation of St. John Bapt. [29 Aug.] the year aforesaid [A.D. 1301], information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that a certain Walter de Elmeleye, a chaplain, lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in Wodestrete, in the parish of St. Alban in the Ward of Walter de Finchingfeld.[2] Thereupon, they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of the said Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Basseishawe, the Ward of William le Mazerer and the Ward of

[1] Sadler.

[2] Alderman of Cripplegate Ward from *circ.* 1292 until his death in 1307 (Beaven).

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Nicholas de Farndone, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors say that when on the preceding Wednesday, after the hour of Vespers, a certain Alice, wife of John le Quernbetere came into Wodestrete at the corner of Selverstrete, she found workmen of Thomas Sely there preparing the ground for the walls of a new house to be built there, and being drunk (*imbuta*) abused them, calling them "tredekeiles," whereupon one of them drew her by the hand to himself and told her that she should work and tread the ground with them, and maliciously bumped her on the ground[1]; that she afterwards got up and went to the house of Elena Hellebole, her mistress, of whom she rented her house, and complained of the men; that thereupon the said Elena went to the men, calling them Ribalds and other opprobrious names; that a man came by, whose name they know not, and reprimanded the said Elena who abused him, calling him a thief, and he calling her a whore; that thereupon she threatenened him saying that before night the matter should be squared (*hoc compararet*); that she forthwith sent for the said Walter the Chaplain, as well as a certain Roger le Skirmisour, a tenant of hers, and another person unknown, and prayed them to avenge her on the said stranger who was to be found in the house of Agnes de Notingham, a taverner; that the three hurried thither, having brought a fagot for a farthing, from which each man furnished himself with a stick, and there met a certain John de Melkesham at the entrance of the house who was asked by the said Walter the Chaplain if he had abused the said Elena his mistress, and was forthwith hit on the head and that arm; thereupon the said John drew a dagger, seeing which the said Walter turned to draw his knife with his right arm, but the said John struck him with the dagger under the shoulder, inflicting a wound an inch and a half broad and reaching to the heart, of which wound he immediately died. Being asked who were present, they say they know of none except the said Walter and the aforesaid evil doers. Being asked what became of John de Melkesham and Roger le Skirmisour after the felony, they say that the said John immediately fled to the church of St. Olave near the Tower, whence he escaped at night,

[1] *Ita quod ipsam per maliciam deorsum sedebat in terra.*

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and Roger le Skirmisour fled, they know not whither. They have no chattels. Of the stranger they know nothing and he has no chattels. The corpse viewed, on which the wound appeared and no other hurt. Precept to the Sheriffs to attach the said John de Melkesham and Roger le Skirmisour when found in their bailiwick. The chattels of the said John de Melkesham valued at 29*s.* 3*d.* for which Richard de Caumpes, the Sheriff, will answer.

The above Elena attached by Henry de Passenham, Gregory le Lorymer.

The above Alice, by John Woderove, "cordewaner," John le Taverner.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

Gregory le Botoner, by Thomas de Kent and John atte Grove.

Alexander le Copersmith, by William le Chaundeler, William Lefchild.

Hugh de Frennelingham, by William de Wynton', Walter de Aumbresbury.

William de Pelham, by Thomas de Canterbury and Robert de Cantebrige.

30. *On the death of Petronilla daughter William de Wyntonia.*

Crepelgate On Friday after the Decollation of St. John Bapt. [29 Aug.] the year aforesaid [A.D. 1301], information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that a certain Petronilla, daughter of Willlam de Wyntonia aged three years, lay dead of a death other than her rightful death, in her father's house in the Ward of Crepulgate. Thereupon they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of the said Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Bassingeshawe, the Ward of William le Mazerer and the Ward of Nicholas de Farndone, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors say that on Tuesday the Feast of St. Philip and James [4 May] the year aforesaid, there came a certain Hugh Picard riding a white horse belonging to Master William de London, a clerk in Philippeslane, after the hour of Vespers, when the said Petronilla was playing in the street, and the horse being

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strong, quickly carried the said Hugh against his will over the said Petronilla so that it struck her on her right side with its right fore-foot; that the said Petronilla lingered until the following day, when she died, at the hour of Vespers, from the blow aforesaid. Being asked who were present, they only know of those mentioned. The corpse viewed, the right side of which appeared blue and badly bruised, and no other hurt. The horse valued at a mark, for which, Richard de Caumpes, the Sheriff, will answer. The said Hugh fled and has no chattels, he afterwards surrendered to John de Boreford,[1] Sheriff.

William de "Hwyttone" attached by Henry de Harewe and William le Chaundeler.

Two neighbours attached, viz.:

Richard de Meldebourne, by Walter le Fuster, John le Perer.

John de Crepelgate, baker, by Robert le Chaundeler and Robert de Welle.

31. *On the death of Richard le Brewere.*

Candelwik

On Saturday after the Feast of Nativity B. Mary [8. Sept.] the year aforesaid [A.D. 1301], information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that a certain Richard le Brewere lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in the house which he hired of Alice atte Vine, in the Ward of Kandelwikstrete, in the parish of St. Clement.[2] Thereupon, they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of the said Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Langbourne, Bridge and Walebrok, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors say that when, on Monday, the eve of the Feast of the Decollation of St. John Bapt. [29 Aug.], the said Richard entered his brewhouse to take boiling water out of a leaden vessel (*de plumbo*) with a certain ladle (*gata*)[3] and put it into a certain vat, both his feet having given way he fell backwards and the water poured over his neck and body and scalded him; that he lingered until the Nativity of

[1] Or "Burford," Sheriff, 1303–4.

[2] St. Clement, Eastcheap.

[3] An inquest was held in 1277 on a similar case of death by scalding. 'Cal. Letter-Book B,' p. 269.

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the Blessed Mary, when he died at midnight. Being asked who were present, they say No one but himself. The corpse viewed, the neck and front part of which appeared scalded, and no other hurt. The ladle valued at *2d.*, for which Luke de Haverynge will answer.

Two neighbours attached, viz.:

Silvester de Mordone, by Robert le Chaundeler, Roger le Barber.

John le Cirger, by John le Surgian and Giles Jordan.

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ROLL B

Roll of the Crown temp. *John de Ilford, Coroner of London,*[1] *and Richard Costantyn and Richard de Hakeneye, then Sheriffs of the same City from the Feast of St. Michael a° 15 Edward II.* [A.D. 1321] *to the Feast of St. Michael next ensuing.*[2]

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1. *On the death of Elias de Beverle and John Costard.*

Tower Ward

On Saturday before the Feast of St. Luke [18 Oct] a°, 15 Edward II [A.D. 1321], information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that a certain Elias de Beverle, servant of Hurtin Caillau the King's Serjeant-at-arms, and John Costard, Chamberlain to Sir Robert de Welles, Knt., lay dead of a death other than their rightful death in a certain waste place within the second gate of the Tower of London, towards the West,[3] in the parish of All Hallows de Berkyngchirche in Tower Ward. Thereupon they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of the said Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Portsokne, Billingges-gate and Alegate, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors say that on Thursday after the Feast of St. Michael [29 Sept.] the year aforesaid, at the hour of curfew when the said Elias de

[1] He was in strictness sub-coroner to Stephen de Abyndone, who, in his capacity as the King's Butler, was Coroner of the City from 1316–1325. See 'Cal. Letter-Book E,' p. 165–6; Beaven's "Aldermen of London," p. 380.

[2] A transcript of a Coroner's Roll for the City a° 9 and 10 Edward II. preserved in the Chapter House, Westminster, will be found in Guildhall MS. No. 126, in the Guildhall Library.

[3] This is important as showing the extent of the City's jurisdiction at the Tower. According to Coke ("Institutes," iii. 135) the old London Wall passed through the Tower, the part to the West of it being in the City; whilst the part to the East of it lay in the county of Middlesex. Cf. 'Cal. Letter-Book I,' p. 3; 'Cal. Letter-Book K,' p. 83.

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Beverle wished to visit the said Hurtin, his master, the bridge being drawn owing to the lord the King being then in the Tower, he accidentally fell into the water and was immediately drowned; and that on Thursday next before the Feast of St. Luke [18 Oct.] the same year, the said John Costard accidentally fell into the water there, in like manner, after the hour of curfew, and was drowned, and so the said Elias and John remained in the water until the Saturday aforesaid when a certain Robert le "Brybour" found their corpses after sun-rise and raised a cry so that the country came. Being asked who were present when this happened, they say No one except the said Elias and John, nor did they suspect any man or woman of the said deaths, but only mischance. The corpses viewed on which appeared no wound, hurt or bruise.

The finder, viz.: Robert le "Bribour," attached by Richard le Ussher and John le Chaundeler.

Four neighbours attached, viz.: Richard Pilk, by Andrew de Northamptone and Peter de Plomtone.

Alan le Palmere, by Andrew le Hurer, and John le Chaundeler.

John Ballard, by Richard Brid and John de Iltone.

John Prest, by Richard Duket and Thomas de Salopia.

2. *On the death of John de Harwe, "portour."*

Vintry On Tuesday after the Feast of St. Luke [18 Oct.] the year aforesaid [A.D. 1321], it happened that John de Harwe, "portour," lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in a certain solar which he hired of Robert de Pelham, "chaundeler," in the parish of St. Martin, in the Ward of Vintry. On hearing this the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriff went there, and having summoned good men of the said Ward and of four other Wards, viz.: Queenhithe, Cordewanerstrete, Douuegate and Billinggesgate, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors say that when, on the preceding Monday, after the hour of Vespers, a certain Thomas atte Chirche, esquire to the Earl of Arundel, and a certain unknown man, whose name they know not, were riding together through "Tamsetrete" towards the Tower, and had come opposite the house of Olive Sorweles, a widow, in the parish of St. Botolph in

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the Ward of Billinggesgate, the said Thomas atte Chirche nearly threw to the ground with his horse a certain unknown woman carrying a child in her arms, and because the said John de Harwe begged them to ride more carefully, the said Thomas, moved to anger forthwith drew his sword and struck the said John on his right side inflicting a mortal wound, two inches long and five inches deep, with which wound the said John went as far as the said solar, where he received his ecclesiastical rights (*jura sua ecclesiastica*) and lingered until the aforesaid Tuesday, when he died in the morning of the aforesaid wound and of no other felony. Being asked who were present when it happened they say the aforesaid Thomas and John, the man and the woman unknown and many passers-by whose names are unknown. Being asked what became of the said Thomas and the man unknown they say that they immediately fled toward the Tower, but where they went or who received them they know not, nor do they suspect any man or woman of the death except the said Thomas atte Chirche, who has no chattels except the horse on which he took flight.

The corpse viewed on which appeared the wound and no other hurt. Precept to the Sheriffs to attach the said Thomas and all other persons unknown who were present, as soon as they gained knowledge of them.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

Thomas de Cobeham, by Thomas Deien and Richard de Walyngford.

Benedict de Suff[olk], by James Beauflour and John Hardel.

Robert de Lenne, by Henry le Gaugeour and Stephen de Bercote.

Andrew de Tyndale, by Robert de Ilford and Richard Dask.

3. *On the Death of Thomas le Rede.*

Tower

On Friday next after the Feast of St. Luke [18 Oct.] the year aforesaid, it happened that Thomas le Rede, servant (*garcio*) of Richard de Tonge, clerk of the chapel of the lord the King, lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in the tenement of Thomas Scot in the parish of St. Dunstan in Tower Ward. On

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hearing this, the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs went there, and having summoned good men of the said Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Alegate, Portsokne and Billinggesgate, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors say that when, on the preceding Sunday, after the hour of curfew, the said Thomas le Rede and a certain Richard, a clerk, called Dicoun le Clerk, were quarrelling together opposite the house of John le Braye in the said parish, the said Richard drew forth his small knife and struck the said Thomas on the right side, inflicting a wound an inch long and four inches deep, with which wound the said Thomas went to the said tenement, where he lay dead. He there received his ecclesiastical rights and lingered until the Friday aforesaid, when he died at midnight of the wound aforesaid, and of no other felony committed against him. Being asked what became of the said Richard they say that he forthwith fled, but whither, or who received him, they know not. Being asked who were present when it happened, they say No one except those two, nor did they suspect any man or woman of the death except the said Richard, who had no chattels as far as they could ascertain. The corpse of the said Thomas was viewed, whereon the wound appeared, and no other hurt. Precept to the Sheriffs to attach the said Richard when found in their bailiwick.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

John de Braye, by Robert de Hakeneye and John de Bengho.

William de Lutone, by Ralph Pone and Hugh le Barbier.

John Cole, by Hamo de Coptone and Richard de Braye.

Thomas le Barbier, by Hugh de Snodhull and William de Marleberge.

4. *On the death of Isabella, wife of Robert de Pampesworth.*

Queenhithe On Monday the Feast of St. Andrew Ap. [30 Nov.] the year aforesaid, it happened that a certain Isabella, wife of Robert de Pampesworth lay dead of a death other than her rightful death in a certain solar within the tenement held by Master Robert de Leycestre, clerk, under the Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's, in the

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parish of St. Mildred[1] in the Ward of Queenhithe. On hearing this, the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs went there, and having summoned good men of the said Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz. : Vintry, Bredstret and Castle Baynard, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors say that the aforesaid Isabella for the two last years and more had suffered from a disease called "frensy," and that on the preceding Sunday, at the hour of Prime, she was alone in her chamber whilst Cristiana de Iseldone, servant to John de Pampesworth, son of the said Isabella, went to the kitchen to get her some food, and she hanged herself by a cord from a small beam in the said solar, when nobody was present, whilst suffering from the aforesaid disease; that the said Cristiana when she entered the room and saw her hanging raised the cry, so that a certain William Scot ran thither and cut the cord with his knife, and the said Isabella fell to the ground alive, and so lingered for the space of a quarter of an hour of the same day and then died from weakness of the said disease and the hanging aforesaid. They suspect no one of the said death. The chattels of the said Isabella are appraised by William de Waltham, John le Chaundeler, Robert le Piebakere, Nicholas le Cordewaner, William de la Marche and John le Taillour of the Ward of Queenhithe, viz. : one blanket and a worn sheet at 6 pence, an old chest at 3 pence, and the aforesaid beam and cord at a farthing, which Richard Costantyn, the Sheriff, will answer for.

Those present attached, viz. :

Cristiana de Iseldone attached by John de Pampesworth and William Salle, tailor.

William Scot, by William le Porter and John de Bedeford.

Four neighbours attached, viz. :

William de Waltham, by Robert Skot and John Monek.

William le Trompour, by Hamo le Barbier and Richard de Reynham.

William Wolnoth, by Robert le Huthereve and William le Botiller.

Roger le Palmere, by Robert le Keu and John le Chaundeler.

[1] St. Mildred, Bread Street.

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5. *On the death of Michael le Gaugeour.*

Langebourne On Monday the Feast of St. Andrew Ap. [30 Nov.] the year aforesaid [A.D. 1321], it happened that a certain Michael le Gaugeour lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in the lane called "Abbechirchelane," opposite the brewhouse then held by John de Douuegate of William de Canefeld, in the parish of St. Mary Wolnoth in the Ward of Langebourne. On hearing this, the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Walbroke, Candelwykestrete and Cornhulle, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors say that when on the preceding Sunday after curfew, the said Michael and a certain John Faukes, "corour," were playing at a game called "hasard," in the said brewhouse, a quarrel arose between them, so that the said John Faukes left the brewhouse, laying in wait for the said Michael, whom he shortly afterwards saw leaving the same brewhouse by himself, and drew his sword called a "fauchon" and of malice prepense, feloniously struck the said Michael with it on the left side of his breast, inflicting a mortal wound an inch long and 5½ inches deep; whereupon the said Michael fell to the ground and immediately died of the said wound and not of any other felony. Being asked who was present when it happened, they say No one except those two and a certain Agnes la Pursere, wife of the said Michael, who came up and first found the said Michael dead, and raised the cry so that the country came. Being asked what became of the said John, they say that he immediately fled into the church of the Augustine Friars and confessed before the said Coroner and Sheriffs that he had committed the said felony, and therefor refused to surrender himself to the King's peace. Precept issued to men of the Wards of Bisshopesgate, Bradestret and Colemanstrete to keep watch over him until, &c.,[1] and he re-

[1] In 1298 the Court of Aldermen had passed an ordinance that those taking sanctuary should not be watched.—'Cal. Letter-Book B,' p. 215. At the *Iter* recently held at the Tower, the civic authorities had maintained that by the ancient customs of the City they were not bound to place a guard upon those taking sanctuary in churches nor were responsible for their escape. The King thereupon had issued letters

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mained in the said church until Thursday next before the Feast of the Conception of the B. Mary [8 Dec.], on which day he escaped in the early morning (*in aurora*), but whither he went or who afterwards received him they know not. Being asked of the goods and chattels of the said John, they say that he had none so far as they could learn. The corpse of the said Michael was viewed, on which the said wound appeared and no other hurt. Precept to the Sheriffs to attach the said John as soon as he was found in their bailiwick.

The discoverer of the body attached, viz. :

Agnes la Pursere, by John de Mountfichet and Roger Snellyng de Candelweykstrete.

Four neighbours attached, viz. :

Walter de Canefeld, by John de Stoure and Richard le Cotiller.

William de Canefeld, by Robert de Arderne and Thomas Prest.

Ivo le Coupere, by John le Maderman and Hugh de Hecham.

Hugh Picard, by Peter Michel and Richard Hotgo.

6. *On the death of John de Canterbury.*

Portsoken

On the same day it happened that a certain John de Canterbury, "sadeler," lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in a certain "solar," tenanted by Agnes de Cranesle in the rent (*in redditu*) of Richer de Refham, Knt., in the parish of St. Botolph in the Ward of Portsokne. On hearing this, the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of the said Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz. : Tower, Lymstret and Alegate, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors say that when Sunday preceding the Feast of St. Martin *in yeme* [11 Nov.], after the hour of curfew, a certain William Counte called "Frelove," and Ralph Sutor, boatmen met the said John de Canterbury in the street called "Hoggestrete"[1] in

patent (3 June, 1321) pardoning the citizens for past negligences in this respect on the distinct understanding that in future they should set a watch in conformity with the law and custom of the realm. — 'Cal. Letter-Book E," p. 149 ; 'Liber. Cust.' i. 346-7.

[1] "On the East side, and by north of the tower, lieth East Smithfield, Hogs streete, and tower hill."—Stow, "Survey" (ed. Kingsford) ii, 71.

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Estsmethefeld in the said Ward, they, of malice prepense, assaulted the said John and with their sticks, called oars, mortally beat him about the legs and back and the said William Counte beat the said John over the forehead with his stick inflicting a mortal wound two inches long and penetrating to the brain; that the said John so wounded was carried by his friends into the solar aforesaid, and there received his ecclesiastical rights; that he lingered until the Sunday before the Feast of St. Andrew [30 Nov.] when he died about sunrise of the wound and beating aforesaid, and of no other felony. Being asked who were present when it happened, they say No one but those three, nor do they suspect any one of the death except the aforesaid William and Ralph. Being asked what became of the said William and Ralph, the jurors say that they immediately fled to the house of the said Ralph which he held of William de Bosenham in the parish aforesaid where they were captured by Richard de Hakeneye one of the Sheriffs. They had no chattels. Afterwards before Henry Spigournel and his fellow Justices at Newgate they put themselves[1] (*po. se*) and were acquitted on Monday after the Feast of Circumcision [1 Jan.].

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

John Bigge attached by Robert de Depyng, cordwainer, and William de Leytone.

Simon le Keu, by Stephen Talpe and Hugh de Hecham.

William de Chesthunte, by Henry le Sunor (?) and Alan le Sopere.

William Godefreye, by William le Tywelere and Ralph de Redynge.

7. *On the death of Walter Edward.*

Neugate Friday after the Feast of the Conception of the B. Mary [8 Dec.] the year aforesaid [A.D. 1321], a certain Walter Edward died in the prison of Neugate his rightful death, having been committed to the said prison by the Steward and Marshal of the lord the King for 30s adjudged to John Salve of Hese in a plea of trespass. The corpse was viewed on which no hurt appeared.

[1] On the country, *i.e.*, claimed a jury.

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8. *On the death of Elena Scot.*

Tuesday after the Feast of St. Thomas Ap. [31 Dec.] the year aforesaid [A.D. 1321], it happened that a certain Elena Scot, servant of Margaret de Sandwich, lay dead of a death other than her rightful death in a certain house held by the said Margaret of Henry de St. Osith in the parish of St. Benedict de Wodewharf in the Ward of Castle Baynard. On hearing this, the said Coroner and Sheriffs proceeded thither and having summoned good men of the said Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Farndone, Bredstrete and Queenhithe, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors say that when on the Sunday preceding, at dusk, the said Elena left the solar of the said house to seek fire, she slipped from the top step of the entrance of the solar and fell backwards down the steps upon a stone at the bottom and broke her neck and forthwith died in consequence and from no other felony. Being asked who were present when this happened they say the aforesaid Margaret and one Cristina Lovel, and the said Margaret first discovered the corpse and raised the cry, so that the country came; nor do they suspect any man or woman of the said but only the mischance aforesaid. The corpse was viewed, on which the broken neck appeared and no other hurt. *Castle Baynard*

Those present attached, viz.:

Margaret de Sandwich attached by Gilbert de Haryngeseye, "botere," and John Waleys.

Cristina Lovel, by William de Kent and Walter de Borham.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

Henry de St. Osith attached by William atte Cornere and William de Hestone.

Robert de Ware, by Gilbert le Sherman and John Hood, "cordewaner."

Henry de Somersete, by Nicholas le Coupere and William Hubert.

Gilbert de Istilworth, by William de Blynes and Richard de Leymenstre.

9. *On the death of Robert Denys.*

Wednesday after the Feast of St. Thomas Ap. [21 Dec.] the year aforesaid [A.D. 1321], it happened that a certain Robert Denys, *Cordewaner-strete*

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goldsmith, lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in the house of Dionisius de Grauntebrigge, his father, in the parish of All Hallows de Bredstrete in the Ward of Cordewanerstrete. On hearing this the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of the said Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Cheap, Bredstrete and Vintry, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors say that when on Saturday before the Feast of St. Nicholas [6 Dec.] at dusk, the aforesaid Robert and a certain John de Pastone had come to the corner of the church of St. Mary le Bow in the lane of Cordewanerstrete, quarrelling together, the said John de Pastone at length drew his sword and feloniously cut off the left hand of the said Robert who, thus wounded, went to the house aforesaid where he lay dead; having received his ecclesiastical rights he lingered until Monday in the said Feast of St. Thomas and then died about the third hour, from the loss of his hand and no other felony. Being asked who were present when this happened, they say those two and a certain John, son of John de Fyncham and no one else. Being asked if the said John abetted the felony or not, they say No; nor do they suspect any man or woman of the said death but only the said John de Pastone. Being asked what became of the said John they say he entered the house of Matthew de Essex, his master, in the said lane, the said Matthew knowing nothing of the felony, and there the said John was arrested and committed to Neugate. He had no chattels, so far as they could learn. The corpse was viewed, the loss of the hand was seen and no other hurt.

John, son of John de Fyncham, being present, attached by Adam de Fyncham and Nicholas atte Melle.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

Adam le Sackere attached by John Musard and Simon le Bedel.

John de Bredstrete, by William le Chaundeler and Walter de Bredstrete.

Adam de Depedene, by John de Redyng and Nicholas de Feryby.

John de Hyntone, by John le Sackere and William de Meldebourne.

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10. *On the death of Philip de Asshendone.*

Bisshopesgate

Sunday after the feast of Circumcision [1 Jan.] the year aforesaid [A.D. 1321–2], it happened that a certain Philip de Asshendone lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in the Hospital of St. Mary without Bisshop[esgate] in the Ward of Bisshop[esgate]. On hearing this, the said Coroner and Sheriffs proceeded thither and having summoned good men of that Ward and four other Wards, viz.: Bradstrate, Cornhull, Farndone Within and Chepe, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors say that when on Monday before the Feast of Conception of the B. Mary [8 Dec], at the hour of Vespers, a certain William, son of Henry atte Rowe, goldsmith, stood at the top of St. Vedast lane near Chepe, and made water into a certain urinal, he cast the urine into the shoe of an unknown young man, and because the latter complained, the said William struck him with his fist, so that a staff called "pollex" which was in the young man's hand fell to the pavement. On seeing this the aforesaid Philip upbraided the said William, who moved with anger straitway picked up the staff and feloniously struck the said William [*sic*] over the forehead, inflicting a mortal wound an inch long and penetrating to the brain so that he fell to the ground, and was thence carried by men unknown for charity's sake to the said Hospital where he had his ecclesiastical rights and there lingered until Saturday after the Feast of Circumcision when he died at the third hour of the said wound and of no other felony. Being asked who were present when this happened, they say the aforesaid William, Philip, the youth unknown, John de Waledene, "sadeler" and Thomas de la Welde, servant of Richard de Hakeneye, Sheriff of London, who took the aforesaid William and brought him to the prison of Neugate. They suspect no one else of the said death except the said William son of Henry atte Rowe who had no chattels. The corpse viewed, &c. Precept to the Sheriff to attach the youth unknown when found in his bailiwick and he can get knowledge of him (***noticiam ab eo habere possit***) because he was present, &c.

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Those present attached, viz.:

John de Waldene, "sadeler," by John de Houtone and Elias de Farndone.

Thomas atte Welde, by Stephen de Waltham and Thomas de Ilford.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

Thomas le Gardiner, by Thomas le Brewere and Walter de Northamptone.

William le Gardiner, by John le Mareschal and Geoffrey le Wyttawyere.

Bernard le Carpenter, by Adam Fitz Robert and Walter de Hornmede.

Walter de Bermyngham, by Robert le Joynour and William le Mareschal.

11. *On the death of John le Dyere de Wottone.*

Neugate John le Dyere de Wottone died in Newgate prison on Monday after the Feast of St. Hillary the year aforesaid [A.D. 1321–2] of his rightful death. The corpse viewed, &c. The said John was sent to the prison by the Steward and Marshal of the King's Household.

12. *On the death of John "Tigre."*

Langebourne Tuesday after the Feast of Epiphany [6 Jan.] the year aforesaid [A.D. 1321–2], it happened that John de "Tygre" lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in a certain solar in the tenement of Alice his wife in the parish of St. Clement de Candelwykstrete in the Ward of Langbourn. On hearing this, the said Coroner and Sheriffs proceeded thither and having summoned good men of the said Ward and of five other Wards, viz.: Candelwykstrete, Cheap, Bredstrete, Crepelgate and Farndone Within, they diligently enquired how this happened. The jurors say that when on Sunday next after the Feast of the Circumcision [1 Jan.] the year aforesaid a certain John de Eddeworth, brother of the late Osbert le Pledour, was riding in company with certain men unknown who were taking Walter de Selby, an enemy and rebel to the lord

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the King, towards the Tower of London, he met the aforesaid John de Tygre, to whom he said that by reason of the death of the aforesaid Osbert his brother, whom the said John de Tygre had killed, he would have something to say to him when opportunity occurred; that the two men moved to anger separated, and thence forward each lay in wait to kill the other. At length on Monday next after the Feast of the Circumcision, before midnight, the said John de Eddeworth, with two other men, his companions, whose names are unknown [met] the said John de Tygre at the head of Soperslane, in the Ward of Cheap, and immediately the said John and John with their swords drawn, and the two persons unknown, one with his knife, called "Irisknyf," and the other with a wooden staff called "Balstaf," fought together, so that the said John de Eddeworth and his two companions drove the said John de Tygre from place to place, and at the head of Wodestrete, opposite the tenement of John de Shordych in the Ward of Crepelgate, the said John de Tygre fell over a heap of dung, and forthwith the said John de Eddeworth and his companions mortally wounded him as he lay, viz.: the said John de Eddeworth with his sword inflicted five mortal wounds, three being on the back of the head, and one on the left side, each of them two inches long and penetrating the skull, and one under his left ear, an inch and a half deep and two inches long, whilst one of the unknown men with his staff mortally beat him on his sides, back, arms and neck; that when certain watchmen for keeping the peace in the said Ward heard of this, they immediately ran thither and found the said John de Tygre thus wounded and beaten, and certain of his friends carried him to the said solar where he lay dead and there he had his ecclesiastical rights, and lingered until the Sunday before the said Feast of Epiphany when he died after the ninth hour from the said wounds and blows, and from no other felony. Being asked where the said John de Eddeworth and his companions went, they (the jurors) say that they immediately fled, but whither they went or who received them they know not. Nor had they any chattels so far as they could learn. Being asked who were present when it happened, they say No one except those four, nor did they suspect any man or woman of the death

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except the said John de Eddeworth and his companions. The corpse was viewed on which the said wounds and bruises appeared. Precept to the Sheriffs to arrest the said John de Eddeworth and his unknown companions as soon as they are found in their bailiwick, and knowledge of them be had (*et noticiam eorumdem habeant*).

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

Thomas Beauflour, junior, by Thomas de Coventre and Simon de Asshendone.

John de Nimmes, by Roger le Avener and William le Weyere.

John Mire, by Thomas le Chaundeler and William Wastel.

Robert atte Folde, by John le Coupere and Richard de Bristoll.

13. *On the death of Edmund Poer.*

Neugate Edmund Poer attached for a robbery on Margaret de Heneleye at Heneleye co. Oxon died in Newgate prison, on Tuesday next after the Feast of Conversion of St. Paul [25 Jan.] the year aforesaid his rightful death and not of any felony. The corpse viewed on which no hurt appeared.

14. *On the death of Reginald de Freestone, Settere.*[1]

Bradestret Tuesday next after the Purification B.V.Mary [2 Feb.] the year aforesaid [A.D. 1321–2], it happened that a certain Reginald de Freestone, "settere," lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in the street called Bradstrete, near the gate of the tenement held by Juliana de Bromford of Jordan de "Langeleye" in the parish of St. Peter de Bradstrete. On hearing this, the said Coroner and Sheriffs proceeded thither and having summoned good men of Bradstrete Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Bisshopesgate, Cornhulle and Colmanstrete, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors say that on the preceding Tuesday at midnight the said Reginald de Freestone, John "Bocche," Walter le Skynnere and eleven others whose names are unknown were passing the door of the shop tenanted by William de "Grymysby" under Roger,

[1] Arrow-head maker.

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son of Robert Osekyn, in the parish of St. Benedict Fynk in the Ward of Bradstrete, singing and shouting, as they often did at night, [when] the said William de "Grymyby" who was in the shop, besought the said Reginald and his companions to allow him and his neighbours to sleep and rest in peace. Whereupon, the said Reginald de Freestone, John "Becche," Walter le Skynnere and the rest of their companions, unknown, invited the said William de "Grymisby" to come out of his shop if he dared. At length, the said William de "Grymesby" seizing a staff called "Balstaf," left his shop, and running after the said Reginald, Walter and his other companions smote the said Reginald with the staff on the left side of the head and smashed the whole of his head therewith, so that he fell to the ground at the entrance of the tenement of Jordan de "Langelegh" aforesaid and there lingered without speaking until break of day on the aforesaid Tuesday when he died of the blow and of no other felony. Being asked who were present when this happened the jurors say the said William, Reginald, John, Walter and their eleven companions, unknown, and no one else; and the said William de "Grymesby" forthwith fled, but whither he went and who harboured him they know not, nor do they suspect any one else of the death. Alice de Breynford first discovered the said Reginald, dead, and she raised the cry so that the country came. Being asked as to the goods and chattels of the said William, the jurors say that he has divers which should be appraised, and they are appraised by the oath of Thomas Brangueyn, Peter le Coffrer and William Mabily, viz.: two small pigs at 3*s.*; one "shippingbord" at 3*d.*; one broken chest and a table at 6*d.*; one pair of worn linen sheets at 4*d.*; a blanket and a worn linen cloth and other small things at 2*s.* 9½*d.*. Total 6*s.* 11½*d.*, for which Richard de Hakeneye, the Sheriff, will answer. Precept to the Sheriff to attach the said William as soon as he be found in his bailiwick, and also the aforesaid John "Bocche," Walter le Skynnere and the eleven unknown persons who were present, as soon as he gets knowledge of them.

Alice Burgeys de Breynford, who found the body, attached by John de Borwell and Stephen de Waltham.

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Four neighbours attached, viz.:

Godfrey de Eldynge, by John de Donnowe and John Starlyng.

Peter le Coffrer, by Ralph le Chaundeler and John le Peyntour.

Roger de Wynton', by John de Bengho and Thomas le Noble.

William atte Puwe, senior, by Thomas atte Puwe and Richard Spront.

15. *On the death of Geoffrey Sprot.*

Neugate Tuesday after the Feast of St. Matthias [24 Feb.] the year aforesaid, a certain Geoffrey Sprot attached on his being indicted in the county of Middlesex for divers robberies and felonies, died in the prison of Neugate his rightful death and of no other felony. The corpse viewed, on which no hurt appeared.

16. *On the death of Richard de Mountsorel, cobbler.*

Langebourne Monday after the Feast of St. Gregory [12 March] the year aforesaid [A.D. 1321–2], it happened that a certain Richard de Mountsorel, servant of Roger de Notyngham, cobbler, lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in the house of John atte Rye which the said Roger holds in the parish of All Hallows de Graschirche in the Ward of Langebourne. On hearing this, the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Bridge, Cornhulle and Bisshopesgate, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors say that when on the preceding Sunday, at dusk, the said Richard de Mountsorel and a certain Alexander le Ferrour, servant of Henry de Amondesham, were quarrelling together in the said house, the said Alexander, moved with anger, drew his knife, called a "fauchon," and mortally wounded the said Richard de Mountsorel under his left ear, (nobody except the said Richard and Alexander being present), inflicting a mortal wound an inch long and two inches deep, so that he immediately fell down and lingered until the hour of curfew of the same day, when he had his ecclesiastical rights and then died

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of the wound aforesaid and of nó other felony. Being asked whither went the said Alexander, they say that he immediately fled, but whither he went or who received him, they know not, nor do they suspect any man or woman of the said death, but only the said Alexander. Being asked about his goods and chattels they say that he had none so far as they could learn. Precept to the Sheriffs to attach the said Alexander when found in their bailiwick.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

Richard le Cordewaner, by Roger de Haveryng and Thomas de Haveryng.

John Myre, by William Lyghtfot and John de Kent.

Simon de Kydmenstre, by Robert le Taillour and Roger de Notyngham.

John Cotekyn, by Geoffrey de Blithe and Robert Pavy.

17. *On the death of William de Brouneswold.*

On Sunday after the Feast of the Annunciation [25 March] the year aforesaid [A.D. 1322], William de Brouneswold who had been made prisoner on the appeal of William Brusel, an approver (*probator*),[1] died in the prison of Newgate his rightful death and of no other felony (*non ex aliqua alia felonia sibi lata*). The corpse viewed, on which no hurt appeared. *Neugate*

18. *On the death of Luke atte Hetthe.*

Monday after the Feast of St. Mark [25 April] the year aforesaid [A.D. 1322], it happened that a certain Luke atte Hetthe, "avener,"[2] lay dead of a death other than his rightful death near "le Ledenhalle" in the parish of St. Peter de Cornhulle in the Ward of Lymstrete. On hearing this, the aforesaid Sheriffs and Coroner proceeded thither and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Cornhulle, Bisshopesgate and Alegate, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors say *Lymstrete*

[1] One, who being himself convicted of a crime, "appeals" or accuses his confederates, hoping to gain some benefit thereby.—Coke's 'Institutes,' Part III, cap. lvi.; Pollock and Maitland, 'Hist. of English Law,' ii. 631.

[2] Cornmonger.

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that when, on the preceding Sunday, at the hour of Vespers, the aforesaid Luke and a certain John le Avener, clerk to the Earl of Chester [1] and William de Wircestre, the said John's groom (*garcio*), were sitting drinking in a solar of the tavern held by John de Oxenford of William de Wengrave in the said parish, a quarrel arose between them, so that the said John le Avener took in his hand a certain wooden measure called a "quart" and struck the said Luke therewith on the top of his head, inflicting a wound that was not mortal, two inches long and reaching to his skull. Thereupon, the said William de Wircestre feloniously threw the said Luke on to the stair of the said solar so that he mortally injured his neck and shoulders, and the said Luke, thus injured, was carried thence by his friends to the place where he died and where he had his ecclesiastical rights; that he lingered until mid-prime [2] on the Monday, at which hour he died of the said injury. Being asked who were present when it happened, they say No one except those three and a certain Roger Ote. Being asked if the said Roger abetted the felony, they say No; nor do they suspect any man or woman of the death of Luke save the said John and William who had no chattels so far as they could learn. Being asked what became of the said John and William the jurors say that the said John forthwith fled, but whither he went or who received him they know not; and the said William was captured and committed to Neugate prison. The corpse viewed on which the injuries appeared and no other hurt. The aforesaid measure was appraised by the said jurors at a half-penny, and the stair at two-pence, for which Richard de Hakeneye would answer. Precept to the Sheriffs to attach the said John le Avener when found in their bailiwick, and also the said Roger Ote because he was present.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

Geoffrey de Blithe, by Walter de Chelmesford and Adam de Rothynge.

[1] Edward Plantagenet of Windsor, son and heir apparent of King Edward II.; succeeded his father on the throne as King Edward III.

[2] The hour of Prime, or first hour of the day, varied according to the season of the year. In winter it would be about 6 A.M. Mid-prime was the hour mid-way between Prime and Terce or third hour of the day.

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Robert Pavy, by Roger de Kent and Alexander le Settere.

William de Alegate, by John le Barbier and William le Gurdeler.

John Bogeys, by William Bogeys and Laurence le Barbier.

19. *On the death of Stephen Cokard.*

Thursday before the Feast of St. Gregory [12 March] the year aforesaid [A.D. 1321–2], Stephen Cokard of "Tresk," who had been arrested for burglary of the house of John de Essex, apothecary, died in prison his rightful death, and of no felony. The corpse viewed, on which no hurt appeared. *Neugate*

20. *On the death of Robert de Kent, cordwainer.*

On Wednesday after the Feast of St. Mark [25 April] the year aforesaid [A.D. 1322], information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs, that a certain Robert de Kent, cordwainer, and William his son, lay burnt in a certain high solar held by the said Robert of Adam Braz in the parish of St. Martin de Ismongerlane in the Ward of Cheap. Hearing this, the said Coroner and Sheriffs proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Walbroke, Cordewanerstrete and Colemanstrete they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors say that when on the preceding Tuesday a little before midnight, the said Robert and Matilda his wife, and William and John their sons lay asleep in the said solar, a lighted candle fixed on the wall by the said Matilda fell by accident on the bed of the said Robert and Matilda, and set the whole house on fire; that the said Robert and William were immediately caught in the flames and were burnt, and the said Matilda and John with difficulty escaped with their lives. Being asked who were present when it happened, they say No one except the aforesaid Robert, Matilda, William and John nor do they suspect anyone thereof, but the aforesaid mischance. The corpses viewed, of which the heads, legs, arms and other members appeared burnt and almost utterly destroyed. Reginald de Conduit, junior, first found their bodies, and raised the cry so that the country came. *Cheap*

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The above Reginald attached by John de Burgoyne and Adam de Bandone.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

John de Redyng, cordwainer, by John Coterel and Richard de Hayles.

Walter de Bardeneye, by Richard de Farnberwe and Adam le Coffrer.

Reginald de Conduit, junior, by Thomas de Hameldene and Roger de Suthcote.

Gillot le Fourbour, by Hugh le Fourbour and Gerard le Latoner.

21. *On the death of Henry Lenyng.*

Neugate On Friday before the Feast of SS. Philip and James [1 May] the year aforesaid [A.D. 1322], Henry Lenyng who had been attached by the Sheriff of Middlesex for divers larcenies, died in the prison of Neugate his rightful death and of no other felony. The corpse viewed on which no hurt appeared.

22. *On the death of John, son of John de Lincoln, cordwainer.*

Cornhulle On Sunday after the Feast of SS. Philip and James [1 May] the year aforesaid [A.D. 1322], it happened that a certain John, son of John de Lyncoln, cordwainer, lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in the house of Agnes de St. Neot in the parish of St. Michael in the Ward of Cornhulle. On hearing this, the said Coroner and Sheriffs proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of the same Ward and of three other Wards, viz.: Bisshopesgate, Bradestrete and Billynggesgate they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors say that on the preceding Friday at the hour of Prime when the said John was journeying towards Roucestre he associated with a certain groom, whose name is unknown, and that when they had come to the wick *(vicum)* called "le Blakehethe" in the county of Kent, the said groom, (nobody else being near), drew a knife called "Twytel"[1] be-

[1] Also spelt "Twytol," "Twhitel," &c, corrupted into "whittle." Cf. "A Sheffield whittle bare he in his hose."—Chaucer, *The Reeve's Tale.*

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longing to the said John from its sheath and therewith struck the said John in the belly under the navel, inflicting a wound half an inch long and an inch deep, and bound the said John and robbed him of the goods which he had in his possession; that the said John lay there so bound until the dawn of the Saturday following when a carter, name unknown, came by and for charity's sake unbound him, and brought him on his cart to Grenewych where he had his ecclesiastical rights; that thence certain boatmen, names unknown, conveyed the said John for the love of God to St. Botolph's wharf and delivered him to his friends who took him at Noon on the Monday aforesaid to the said house where he lay dead and where he lingered until Vespers of the same day when he died of the wound and of no other felony; nor do they suspect any one of the death save the unknown groom who immediately fled, but whither they know not, nor does it appear that he has goods or chattels. Precept to the Sheriffs to attach him, as soon as he be found in their bailiwick and they can get knowledge of him.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

Walter atte Holte, by John de Caumpedene and Edmund Mouhant.

Stephen atte Stoples, by John de Marche and Simon Bryd.

Roger Horold, by John Lucas and Richard Cristemasse.

John de Alegate, by John de Byry and Thomas le Northerne.

23. *On the death of William son of John de Brich'.*

Neugate

William, son of John de Brich', who had been attached for burglary of the house, and carrying off the goods, of Geoffrey le Rook of Litelburstede[1] died of starvation[2] in the prison of Neugate on Thursday before the Feast of St. John before the Latin Gate [6 May] the year aforesaid, and of no felony. The corpse viewed, on which no hurt appeared.

[1] Little Burstead, co. Essex.

[2] Prisoners in Newgate and Ludgate (if without private means) were largely, if not wholly, dependent upon charity in those days.—See 'Cal. Letter-Book K,' pp. 124–6.

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24. *On the death of Thomas atte Grene.*

Neugate Monday after the Translation of St. Nicholas [9 May] the year aforesaid [A.D. 1322], Thomas atte Grene who was kept in Newgate prison for 100 shillings adjudged to Joyce de Spaldyng in a plea of trespass, died of starvation in the said prison and of no felony. The corpse viewed on which no hurt appeared.

25. *On the death of William Micche of Alvithelee.*[1]

Neugate William Micche of Alvithelee who had been attached by Robert Oliver and Adam Pykeman and other neighbours of Bridge Street on suspicion of larceny, and chiefly because they found him lurking in a certain tavern holding the scabbard of his sword in his bloody hands, died in Newgate prison his rightful death on Friday before the Feast of St. Dunstan [19 May] the year aforesaid. The corpse viewed on which no hurt appeared.

26. *On the death of Simon de Depyng.*

Neugate Simon de Depyng, "pursere," who was confined in Newgate prison for 20*s.* adjudged to Thomas de Welleford and for 7*s.* adjudged to Alexander de Burgoyne in a plea of trespass, died in the said prison his rightful death on Sunday before the Feast of St. Dunstan [19 May] and not of any felony. The corpse viewed on which no hurt appeared.

27. *On the death of Robert Curteys.*

Bredstrete Tuesday before the Feast of Ascension [20 May] the year aforesaid [A.D. 1322], information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that a certain Robert Curteys lay dead of a death other than his rightful death near the door of the house held by John atte Ryole of Richard de Wyrhale in the lane called "Distaflane," in the parish of St. Dunstan [*sic*] in the Ward of Bredstrete. On hearing this, the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs proceeded thither, and

[1] Aveley, near Rainham, co. Essex.

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having summoned good men of that Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Queenhithe, Castle Baynard and Farndone Within, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors say that when on the preceding Monday about the time of sun-set the said Robert made an assault upon Amicia, wife of John Pope as she stood at the door of the shop which the said John and Amicia hold of John Madefrey in the aforesaid lane by reason of an old quarrel between them, and had badly beaten her with a staff called "Distaf," there came up the said John Pope holding in his hand a drawn knife called "Twytel" which he used in the service of William Prodhomme, fishmonger, and approached the said Robert Curteys to pacify his anger by fair means, if possible; and that when the said Robert saw him coming, he assaulted and beat him pursuing him as far as the wall of the house which Richard Heyne holds of John de Pelham in the said Ward of Bredstrete; that, at length, the said John Pope struck the said Robert with the knife under the left breast, inflicting a mortal wound an inch long and two inches deep; that the said Robert, so wounded, followed the said John in order to kill him, as far as the place where he lay dead, and there he fell and forthwith died of the wound aforesaid. Thereupon, the said John took refuge in the church of St. Margaret [1] in the said Ward. Being asked who were present when this happened, the jurors say the said Robert, John Pope, Amicia his wife and a certain Isabella de Bristoll who was the first to find the corpse of the said Robert and to raise the cry so that the country came. Being asked if the said Amicia or Isabella abetted the felony, they say No, nor do they suspect any man or woman of the felony save the said John Pope who, when the said Coroner and Sheriffs came to him, would confess nothing. He had no chattels except 6*d*. which Richard Costantyn the Sheriff will answer for. The corpse viewed whereon the said wound appeared and no other hurt. Precept to the Sheriffs to safeguard, &c. Afterwards, viz.: on Monday after the Feast of Pentecost [30 May], he surrendered himself to prison, &c.

[1] St. Margaret Moses, at the corner of Friday Street; opposite Distaff Lane. The church being destroyed in the Great Fire, the parish was afterwards united to that of St. Mildred, Bread Street.

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Amicia wife of John Pope, who was present, attached by William Prodhomme and Roger Gubbe.

Isabella de Bristoll, who found the body, attached by John le Clerk and John le Lokyere.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

Roger de Bristoll, by William de Bosgate and Robert le Bret.

Thomas de Chiggewell, by John le Clerk and John de Chiggewell.

Adam Brabazoun, by William Prodhomme and Adam de Ely.

Robert de Kestevene, by Hugh le Fruter and John atte Ryole.

28. *On the death of William Cristemasse.*

Neugate William Cristemasse who had been attached for the death of Katherine, wife of Thomas Lovekyn, killed at "Sarnieres barnatt."[1] for which he had been indicted before the Coroner of Middlesex died in Neugate prison on Tuesday after the Feast of the Ascension [20 May] the year aforesaid, his rightful death and of no felony. The corpse viewed on which no hurt appeared.

29. *On the death of Johanna, daughter of Bernard de Irlaunde.*

Queenhithe Friday after the Feast of St. Dunstan [19 May] the year aforesaid [A.D. 1322], it happened that Johanna daughter of Bernard de Irlaunde, a child (*puer*) one month old, lay dead of a death other than her rightful death, in a shop held by the said Bernard of Philip "Balum" in the parish of St. Michael, in the Ward of Queenhithe. On hearing this, the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Vintry, Castle Baynard and Bredstrete, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors say that when on the preceding Thursday, before the hour of Vespers, the said

[1] co. Herts.?

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Johanna was lying in her cradle alone, the shop door being open there entered a certain sow[1] which mortally bit the right side of the head of the said Johanna. At length there came Margaret, wife of the said Bernard and mother of the said Johanna, and raised the cry and snatched up the said Johanna and kept her alive until midnight of the said Friday when she died of the said bite and of no other felony. Being asked who were present, they say No one except the said Margaret; nor do they suspect anyone thereof except the bite aforesaid. The corpse of the said Johanna viewed on which no hurt appeared [*sic*]. The sow appraised by the jurors at 13½*d.* for which Richard Costantyn, the Sheriff, will answer.

The above Margaret who found the body attached by John de Bedford and Andrew de Gloucestre.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

Gilbert Pavy, by Roger le Joynour and Richard de Burgh.

Hugh Fitz Roger, by Richard Starlyng and John Sprot.

Robert le Huthereve, by Roger de Suthcote and Henry Mounkoy.

Philip "Baloum," by Richard de Reynham and Hamo le Barbier.

30. *On the death of Thomas Bibi.*

Thomas Bibi who was detained in Neugate prison for 40*s.* adjudged to John de Bernes on a plea of trespass died in the said prison on Thursday in the week of Pentecost his rightful death and not of any felony. The corpse viewed on which no hurt appeared. *Neugate*

[1] All pigs found wandering in the street were liable to be killed (except those belonging to the Hospital of St. Anthony), and became the property of the slaughterer, unless redeemed by their owner by payment of fourpence. 'Cal. Letter-Book A,' p. 220; 'Cal. C,' p. 5; 'Cal. D,' p. 251. If anyone wished to keep pigs in the City, he had to feed them in his own house! *Liber Albus*, i. 270. In the City of York, the finder of a vagrant pig, after killing it, was allowed to cut off and keep the four feet (*les quatre peedz*) until he had received the fourpence from the owner.—'York Memorandum Book' (Surtees Soc.) Vol. I., p. lxix, also p. 261.

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31. *On the death of John de Thorpe, "upheldere."*[1]

Farndone Without

On Sunday after the Feast of St. Barnabas [11 June] the year aforesaid [A.D. 1322], it happened that a certain John de Thorpe, "upheldere," lay dead of a death other than his rightful death near the hostel of the Bishop of St. David[2] in the parish of St. Bride in the Ward of Farndone Without. On hearing this, the said Coroner and Sheriffs proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of the said Ward and of three other Wards, viz.: Castle Baynard, Queenhithe and Vintry, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors say that when on Wednesday in Whitsun week the said John and Agnes his wife purposed sailing in a boat called "Dongbot" to Kyngestone, and had arrived near Potenhuth,[3] the said John was thrown by tempest into the water and by misfortune drowned. Being asked who were present when this happened, they say the aforesaid John and Agnes, John de Hegham and William Stedeman, boatman of the said boat, and nobody else, nor do they suspect any man or woman but the said misadventure. The corpse viewed on which no wound appeared. Agnes the wife of the said John was the first to find him dead and raised the cry so that the country came.

Those present attached, viz.:

William Stedeman, by Robert de Ware and John de Boxore.

John de Hegham, by Walter de Muryfeld and Thomas de Suttone.

Agnes, wife of John de Thorp, who found the body, by Robert Marage and John de Kent "upheldere."

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

William de Wynton', tailor, by John de Derby and William Plome.

Thomas de Wynchecombe, by William de Chesele and John le Walshman.

Henry Roffot, by John Skone and Nicholas le Mareschal.

[1] Upholder, *i.e.*, an upholsterer or undertaker.

[2] "The Bishop of S. David had his Inne over against the north side of this Bridwell." Stow, "Survey" (ed. Kingsford), ii. 45.

[3] Putney.

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William atte Slo, by Robert Ode and Richard le Rous, "hornere."

32. *On the death of Robert, son of Ralph de Leyre.*

Queenhithe

On Saturday after the Feast of Nativity of St. John Bapt. [20 June] the year aforesaid [A.D. 1322], information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that a certain Robert, son of Ralph de Leyre de la Hay of co. Essex, lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in a certain shop in the rent of Oliver Brounyng in the parish of St. Peter the Little[1] in the Ward of Queenhithe. On hearing this, the said Coroner and Sheriffs proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Castle Baynard, Vintry, and Bredstrete, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors say that [when] on the preceding Friday the said Robert went to the wharf called "le Fisshwarf," and entered the river to bathe, no one being present, he was by accident drowned and so remained in the water until the following Saturday, when, about noon, a certain John Curteys, a boat-man, found him drowned and raised the cry, so that the country came; that at the request of friends of the said Robert, his corpse was taken out of the water and placed in the said shop for better inspection, and for fuller enquiry as to his death to be made. They suspect no one of the death but only the mischance aforesaid. The corpse viewed on which no wound or bruise appeared.

The above John Curteys, who found the body, attached by Thomas le Noble and Geoffrey de Blithe.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

Roger de Bernes, by William Trig and Adam de Laufare.

Walter Gladewyn, by William Bodyn and John le Long.

Richard de Hereford, by Joyce de Spaldyng and John Snow.

Simon de Tournham, by Walter de Bamptone and John Sket.

33. *On the death of John Rose.*

Neugate

Wednesday the Feast of the Commemoration of St. Paul [30 June] the year aforesaid, John Rose of Botelstone died in the

[1] Otherwise known as St. Peter Paul's wharf.

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prison of Newgate his rightful death and of no felony; the said John being detained in prison for burglary of the house of the Bishop of Coventry and "Lichef."[1] His corpse viewed on which no hurt appeared.

34. *On the death of John de Irlaunde.*

Aldresgate Tuesday before the Feast of the Translation of St. Thomas the Martyr [7 July] the year aforesaid [A.D. 1322], it happened that a certain John de Irlaunde lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in a certain solar over the gate of the Hospital of the Abbot of Waledene[2] in the parish of St. Botolph in the Ward of Aldresgate. On hearing this, the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Farndone, Cheap and Crepulgate, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors say that when the said John was alone in the said solar at the hour of Prime on the aforesaid Tuesday, he hanged himself by his shirt from a beam of timber, no one being present. At length there came a certain Nicholas de Swynbourne and Walter Michel, a chaplain, who tried to resuscitate him, cut his shirt with a knife, and finding him dead, raised the cry so that the country came. Being asked about his goods and chattels, they say that he had none so far as they could learn. They suspect no one of the death except the hanging. The corpse viewed on which no other hurt appeared. The shirt and beam appraised by the jurors at 3 pence, for which Richard Costantyn will answer.

The finders of the body attached, viz.:

Walter Michel, chaplain, by Richard de Stynesle and Costantine de St. John.

Nicholas de Swynebourne, by Thomas de Iltone and Thomas le Noble.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

Master Walter de Depenhale, by Peter de Hungrie and William de Northamptone.

William de Bedeford, by Augustine le Herberer and Simon de Rothewell.

[1] Lichfield. [2] Little Walden or Saffron Walden, co. Essex.

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Simon Trenchant, by Roger Hubert and William le Smyth.

Richard de Rothyng, carpenter, by Adam de Rothyng and John Spray.

35. *On the death of many poor people crushed at the Preaching Friars.*[1]

Farndone

On Wednesday after the Feast of Translation of St. Thomas [3 July] a° 16 Edward II [A.D. 1322], information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that many poor people lay dead of a death other than their rightful death within Ludgate around the gate of the Preaching Friars in the Ward of Farndone. On hearing this, the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Castle Baynard, Bredstrete and Aldresgate, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors say that when at daybreak of that day a great multitude of poor people were assembled at the gate of the Friars Preachers seeking alms. Robert Fynel, Simon, Robert and William his sons and 22 other male persons, names unknown, Matilda, daughter of Robert le Carpenter, Beatrix Cole, Johanna "le Peyntures," Alice la Norice and 22 other women, names unknown, whilst entering the gate were fatally crushed owing to the numbers, and immediately died thereof and of no other felony. They suspect no one of their death except the misadventure and crushing. As regards who were present or who first saw the corpses, they are unable to say owing to the crowd and it being night-time. The corpses so crushed were viewed on which no other hurt, wound, or bruise appeared.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

Richard Larblaster, by John le Hert and William de Shirwode.

Richard de Dokesworth, by Philip le Lynere and John Haket.

Thomas Edmund, by Richard le Lacer and John de Wynton'.

James le Palmere, by Robert de Rissham and Thomas Redhod.

[1] The occasion of this disaster, which caused the death of fifty-five men and children, was the distribution of alms for the soul of Henry Fingrie, late fishmonger and Sheriff [A.D. 1299–1300], by his executor. 'Annales Paulini' (Rolls Series, No. 76), i. 304.

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36. *On the death of John de Waltham.*

Walbroke Monday after the Feast of Translation of St. Thomas [7 July] a° 16 [Edward II., A.D. 1322], information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs, that a certain John de Waltham, beadle of the Ward of Walbroke, lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in a certain shop which the said John held of Adam de Bury in the parish of St. Stephen de Walebroke in the same Ward. On hearing this, the said Coroner and Sheriffs proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of the said Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Candelweykstrete, Douuegate, and Cordewanerstrete, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors say that when on the preceding Friday after the hour of curfew, the said John was in the lane called "Shitebournelane,"[1] in the said Ward for the purpose of keeping the King's peace, there came a certain John Mynge, a "poleter," of co. Essex, and with malice prepense struck the said John de Waltham on the top of the head with a staff called "Gysarme,"[2] inflicting a mortal wound 6 inches long and penetrating to the brain; that the said John Myng forthwith fled, but whither or by whom he was received they know not; that the said John de Waltham was carried by his friends to the aforesaid shop where he had his ecclesiastical rights, and lingered until the following Sunday, when he died at the hour of Prime of the said wound and of no other felony. Being asked who were present when it happened, they say No one except the said John and John, nor do they suspect anyone of the said death except the said John Mynge, who had no chattels except a "hakeneye" and two paniers valued at 2*s.*, for which Richard de Hakeneye, the Sheriff will answer. The corpse viewed, on the head of which the wound

[1] Now known as Sherborne Lane. This ancient spelling of the name (varied occasionally as "Shitteborwe-lane," "Schiteboronlane," &c.) shows Stow's etymology respecting it as being so-called from its "sharing" or dividing a stream into rivulets, to be purely conjectural. See 'Survey' (ed. Kingsford), i. 14; ii. 307.

[2] Variously spelt "Gesarme," "Gisarme," &c. Described (N.E.D. *s.v.* Gisarme) as a kind of battle-axe, bill, or halberd, having a long blade in line with the shaft, sharpened on both sides, and ending in a point.

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appeared and no other hurt. Precept to the Sheriffs to attach the said John when found in their bailiwick. The staff appraised at *2d.* for which the Ward of Walbroke will answer.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

Nicholas Godewyne, by Adam de Biry and William de Cane.

Nicholas de Jernemewe, by Robert de Surreye and John de Honylane.

Elias de Thorpe, by Richard de Surreye and William Busshe.

Geoffrey de Shrouesbery, by Nicholas atte Marche and Nicholas Norman.

37. *On the death of Robert, son of John de St. Botulph.*

Saturday before the Feast of St. Margaret [20 July] a° 16 [Edward II A.D. 1322], information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that a certain Robert, son of John de St. Botulph, a boy seven years old, lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in a certain shop which the said Robert held of Richard de Wirhale in the parish of St. Michael de Paternostercherch in the Ward of Vintry. Thereupon the said Coroner and Sheriffs proceeded thither and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Douuegate, Queenhithe and Cordewanerstrete, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors say that when on the Sunday next before the Feast of St. Dunstan [19 May], the said John (Robert?), Richard, son of John de Chesthunt, and two other boys, names unknown, were playing upon certain pieces of timber in the lane called "Kyrounelane"[1] in the Ward of Vintry, a certain piece fell on the said John (Robert?) and broke his right leg. In course of time Johanna, his mother, arrived, and rolled the timber off him, and carried him to the shop aforesaid where he lingered until the Friday before the Feast of St. Margaret [20 July] when he died at the hour of Prime of the *Vintry*

[1] Called by Stow ("Survey," ed. Kingsford i. 248) "Kerion lane, of one Kerion sometime dwelling there"; but more usually "Kyron" or "Kirone" lane. There appears from the Rolls of the Court of Husting to have been more than one lane in the City of that name, another being in the neighbourhood of Foster Lane and Aldersgate.

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broken leg and of no other felony, nor do they suspect anyone of the death, but only the accident and the fracture. Being asked who were present when it happened, they say the aforesaid Robert, Richard, son of John de Chesthunt and two boys whose names they know not and no others.

Four neighbours attached, viz. :

Richard Daske, by Peter Cosyn and Roger le Ropere.

Anketin de Gysors, by Robert de Wynton' and Andrew de Gloucestre.

Thomas le Ropere, by Richard de Colyngstoke and Thomas atte Marche.

John Amys, by John de Shirbourne and John de Lyncoln.

38. *Abjuration of John son of Richard atte Crouche called "atte Loke."*

Abjuratio

On Monday before the Feast of St. Margaret [20 July] a° 16 [Edward II, A.D. 1322], John, son of Richard atte Crouche called "atte Loke" of Canturbury, took refuge in the church of St. Mary atte Hull and confessed before the said Coroner and Sheriffs that he had feloniously killed a man, name unknown, at Wynchecombe Glouc. on Thursday in Christmas week last passed and therefor he refused to render himself to the peace of the lord the King and sought to abjure the realm of England, and he abjured it on the Monday following, and the port of Dover was assigned him for four days, viz. : the first to Depeford,[1] the second to Rouchestre, the third to Osperyng and the fourth to Dover to cross the sea at the first tide under penalty attaching thereto.[2]

[1] Probably a mistake for "Derteford."

[2] A felon who had taken sanctuary, could enjoy the privilege of such sanctuary for forty days, in the course of which the Coroner interviewed him and he could make up his mind whether to submit to trial or abjure the realm. If he chose the latter course, he was obliged to clothe himself in sackcloth and make all speed to a port assigned to him thence to cross the sea at his earliest opportunity. His lands and goods were forfeited, and if he returned he could be treated as an outlaw. Bracton (ed. Travers Twiss), ii. 395. Pollock and Maitland, 'Hist. of English Law,' ii. 588; Mazzinghi, "Sanctuaries," pp. 30, 31. Occasionally we find the felon choosing his own port of departure. *Vide Infra* Roll C, 16. Cf. 'Select Coroner's Rolls' (Selden Soc.) page 9, note.

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39. *On the death of John Ratelere.*

John "le" Ratelere who had been attached for cutting off the purse of John de Pelham died in the prison of Neugate his rightful death on Thursday before the Feast of St. Margaret [20 July] the year aforesaid. The corpse viewed on which no hurt appeared. *Neugate*

40. *On the death of William de Bedeford.*

William de Bedeford who had been attached on suspicion of larceny with keys, "clikets"[1] and other instruments of iron for breaking locks, died in the same prison his rightful death on Saturday before the Feast of St. Margaret [20 July] the year aforesaid. The corpse viewed on which no hurt appeared. *Neugate*

41. *On the death of John de Rothewell, tailor.*

John de Rothewell, "taillour," who had been attached for a robbery committed on Henry, son of Robert de Surreye de London, died in the prison of Newgate his rightful death on Friday after the Feast of St. Mary Magdalen [22 July] the same year. The corpse viewed on which no hurt appeared. *Neugate*

42. *On the death of John de Chiggewell.*

On Friday before the Feast of St. Peter ad Vincula [1 Aug.] a° 16 Edward II. [A.D. 1322] it happened that a certain John de Chiggewell, "lorymer," lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in a certain solar which John Pentyn holds of Mabel de Gysors in the parish of St. Mary de Stanynglane in the Ward of Aldresgate. On hearing this, the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs *Aldresgate*

[1] Fr. *cliquet*, described by Cotgrave as the ring, knocker or hammer of a door, from *cliquer*, to click or snap—an onomatopœic word. It also equals a latchkey. *Cf.*

". . . For of the smale wiket
He bar alwey of silver a smal cliket
With which, whan that him leste, he it unshette."—Chaucer.
Merchant's Tale (ed. Skeat), ll. (801-3), 2045-7.

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proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Farndone, Crepulgate, and Cheap, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors say that on Thursday before the Feast of St. Margaret [20 July] at the hour of curfew the said John Pentyn would have hanged himself in the aforesaid solar, and on that account his wife Clemencia raised the cry so that the said John de Chiggewell, John atte Mersshe, Adam de Wykham, and other neighbours, names unknown, came to her assistance, and that when the said John de Chiggewell would have entered the solar before the others, the said John Pentyn feloniously struck him on the head over his left ear with an iron staff, inflicting a mortal wound three inches long and five inches deep, with which wound the said John fell down in the said solar and there had his ecclesiastical rights; that he lingered until Thursday before the Feast of St. Peter [1 Aug.] and then died shortly after Noon of the wound aforesaid and of no other felony. Being asked what became of the said John Pentyn, they say that he was immediately captured and taken to Neugate, and they suspect no one else of the death except the said John Pentyn. The corpse viewed on which the wound appeared and no other hurt. Precept to the Sheriffs to attach the persons unknown as soon as they had knowledge of them, because they were present.

Those present attached, viz.:

Clemencia wife of John Pentyn, by Thomas de Bernham and John atte March.

John atte Mersshe, by William le Camissour and Simon de Wircestre.

Adam de Wykham, by John atte Brigge and Walter le Burler.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

Robert Box, by Thomas le Nayler and Thomas Micol.

Thomas de Lincoln, by Robert de Blithe, "Fuster,"[1] and Roger de Woxebrigge.

Richard le Forester, by Richard Rolf and Nicholas le Hattere.

John Michel, by Ralph le Girdeler and John le Fylehewere.

[1] Maker of saddle-bows.

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43. *On the death of Robert Bankuer.*

Robert Bankuer, called "Mate," an approver (*probator*), died in the prison of Neugate on Thursday after the Feast of St. Laurence [10 Aug.] a° 16 Edward II. [A.D. 1322], his rightful death and of no other felony. His corpse viewed on which no hurt appeared. *Neugate*

44. *On the death of Adam May.*

Adam May of Papford who had been attached for a robbery committed upon Peter le Clerk of Haveryng, at Haveryng, co. Essex, died in prison of starvation on the Thursday aforesaid, and of no felony. The corpse viewed on which no hurt appeared. *Neugate*

45. *On the death of William Wastel.*

William Wastel of Bradele who had been attached for a robbery committed on John de Bradele, a chaplain, near Watford, died in Neugate prison his rightful death on Saturday after the Feast of St. Bartholomew [24 Aug.], the year aforesaid. The corpse viewed on which no hurt appeared. *Neugate*

46. *On the death of John, son of William Chapman.*

John, son of William Chapman de Creshale, an approver, died in the prison of Neugate on Sunday the Feast of Decollation of St. John Bapt. [29 Aug.] the year aforesaid, his rightful death and not of any felony. The corpse viewed on which no hurt appeared. *Neugate*

47. *On the death of Roger de Rothewell.*

Roger de Rothewell who was kept in prison for a robbery committed on Henry Lavener of Lincoln, at Lincoln, died in the prison of Neugate his rightful death on Sunday before the Feast *Neugate*

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of Nativity B.M. [8 Sept.] the year aforesaid. The corpse viewed on which no hurt appeared.

48. *On the death of Richard Curteys de Greneford.*

Neugate Richard Curteys de Greneford who had been attached on appeal of Adam le Mouner de Alpertone, an approver, at Berkhampstede, died in the prison of Neugate his rightful death on Sunday before the Feast of Exaltation of H. Cross [14 Sept.] the year aforesaid. The corpse viewed on which no hurt appeared.

49. *On the death of Lucy Faukes.*

Alegate On Monday before the Feast of St. Michael [29 Sept.] the year aforesaid [A.D. 1322], it happened that a certain Lucy Faukes lay dead of a death other than her rightful death in a certain shop which Richard le Sherman held of John Priour, senior, in the parish of St. Olave in the Ward of Alegate. On hearing this, the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Portsokne, Tower, and Langebourne, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors say that on Sunday before the Feast of St. Matthew [21 Sept.] a° 16 [Edward II., A.D. 1322], about the hour of curfew, the aforesaid Lucy came to the said shop in order to pass the night there with the said Richard le Sherman and Cristina his wife, as she oftentimes was accustomed, and because the said Lucy was clad in good clothes, the said Richard and Cristina began to quarrel with her in order to obtain a reason for killing her for her clothes. At length the said Robert took up a staff called "Balstaf," and with the force and assistance of the said Cristina, struck her on the top of the head, and mortally broke and crushed the whole of her head, so that she forthwith died; that the said Richard and Cristina stript the said Lucy of her aforesaid clothes, and immediately fled, but whither they went or who received them, they (the jurors) know not. Being asked who were present when this happened, they say No one except the said Richard, Cristina and Lucy, nor do they suspect anyone of

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the death except the said Richard and Cristina. Being asked of the goods and chattels of the said Richard and Cristina, the jurors say they had nothing except what they took away with them. Being asked who found the dead body of the aforesaid Lucy, they say a certain Giles le Portour who raised the cry so that the country came. Precept to the Sheriffs to attach the said Richard and Cristina when found in their bailiwick.

The above Giles le Portour attached by Henry le Frensshe and John Ruffyn.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

Thomas de Burton by Hugh le Taillour and Thomas de Hakeneye.

Andrew le Criour, by Daniel le Peleter and Thomas de Cherteseye, tailor.

Ralph Hunteman, by Geoffrey le Hurer and Peter de Mertone.

John de Bery, by Robert le Fethermongere and Robert le Coupere.

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ROLL C.

Roll of misfortunes and felonies that occurred in the City of London between the Feast of St. Michael [29 *Sept.*] *a°* 17 *Edward II* [*A.D.* 1323] *and the Feast of St. Michael following, Stephen de Abyndone, being at the time the King's Butler and Coroner of London, John de Ileford his substitute* (ejus substituto), *John de Oxon' and Adam de Salisbury, Sheriffs of the City.*

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1. *On the death of Gilbert de Getyngtone.*

Bradestret

On Friday after the Feast of St. Michael [29 Sept.] a° 17 Edward II. [A.D. 1323], information given to the said Coroner and Sheriffs that a certain Gilbert de Getyngtone lay killed in a solar within the tenement of Ivo Perceval, in the parish of Little St. Bartholomew in the Ward of Bradestret. On hearing this, the said Coroner and Sheriffs proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Bisshopesgate, Cornhulle, and Walebroke, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors say that when on Monday before the Feast of St. Matthew [21 Sept.] last passed, after the hour of curfew, the said Gilbert had left the house of the said Ivo where he had been supping the same night and was going to his hostel in Soperslane, there met him opposite the church of Christopher in the said Ward of Bradestret a certain Roger de Modyngham, fishmonger, and Reginald Laurenz, called "Heyne," and they quarrelled with one another, so that the said Reginald Laurenz attacked the said Gilbert with his

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knife called a "bideu"[1]; that the said Gilbert broke the knife with his staff called "fagotstaf"[2] whilst fighting, and then each threw the other to the ground; that the said Roger struck the said Gilbert when on the ground with a staff called "sparth"[3] on his right hand, inflicting a mortal wound four inches long, and penetrating the middle of the hand; that the said Gilbert so hurt went thence to the place where he lay dead and had his ecclesiastical rights; that he lingered until Wednesday before the Feast of St. Michael when he died at the hour of Prime of the wound aforesaid. Being asked who were present when this happened the jurors say Richard Perers, Laurence atte Gate and William his brother. Being asked if the said Richard, Laurence and William, or any of them, abetted the felony, they say No, nor do they suspect any one except the said Roger and Reginald, who immediately after the felony took flight, but whither they went or who received them, the jurors know not. Being asked as to the goods and chattels of the said Roger and Reginald, they say that the said Roger has none so far as they can learn, and that the said Reginald has a blanket, a long cloak (*husceam*), and two worn sheets of the value of 14 pence, a chest with half a bushel of beans worth 7 pence; total 21 pence, for which Adam de Salisbury, the Sheriff, will answer. The staff called "sparth" and the knife called "bideu" were valued by the jurors at 3 pence, for which the Ward of Bradestreet will answer. The corpse viewed on which the said wound appeared. Precept to the Sheriffs to attach the said Roger and Reginald when found in their bailiwick.

Those who were present attached, viz.: Richard Perers, by Laurence Scheyl and Thomas Cullyng.

Laurence atte Gate, by Richard Lovekyn and Walter de Kent.

[1] Variously spelt "bidau," "bidawe," and "bidowe"; described *infra* (Roll F. 8) as a *cultellus longus et latus*. Probably a kind of sickle at the end of a long pole used for cutting brushwood.—See Skeat's *Notes to Piers Plowman*, ii. 157.

[2] A pole for carrying faggots of wood.

[3] Some kind of heavy weapon, *e.g.* axe or halberd. *Cf.* "He hath a sparth of twenti pound of wighte."—Chaucer, *Knight's Tale*, l. (1662), 2520. Synonymous with "Polax," *infra* Roll H. 39.

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William, brother of the above Laurence, by John le Taillour and Richard Wymond.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

John Poyntel, by Thomas Poyntel and John le Coroner.

John Soke, by Adam Bledelowe and John Sewy.

John Bledelowe, by Roger Stot and Andrew de Tyndale.

John de Berdene, baker, by Thomas atte Wayvre, and Robert Ailbright.

2. *Abjuration of John son of William le Muleward of Schete.*[1]

Alaresgate On Wednesday before the Feast of St. Edward [13 Oct.] a° 17 Edward II. [A.D. 1323], a certain John, son of William le Muleward, of Schete, co. Southampton, fled to the church of St. Agnes within Aldresgate in the same Ward, and there, on the same day, confessed before the said Coroner and Sheriffs and other trustworthy persons that on the preceding Sunday at dusk he robbed a man, name unknown, in a house near Andovere, co. Wilts, of cloth and other goods to the value of 5*s.* and refused to surrender to the King's peace therefor, and asked to abjure the realm of England, and did abjure it on the following Thursday. And the port of Dover was assigned to him to cross the sea in four days, viz.: the first to Depeford, the second to Roucestre, the third to Osprenge, and the fourth to Dover, thence to cross the sea at the first tide under penalty attaching thereto &c. Chattels of the said John, viz.: a gown and hood of green, appraised by oath of Richard Fuster and John le Brewer at 18*d.*, for which John de Oxon', the Sheriff, will answer.

Neugate 3.—Richard Turnehare attached for counterfeiting the seal of the lord the King died in the prison of Neugate his rightful death on Monday before the Feast of St. Luke [18 Oct.] a° 17 Edward II. [A.D. 1323]. The corpse viewed on which no hurt appeared.

[1] Sheet, co. Hants.

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4. *On the death of John de Chartres.*

On Thursday the eve of SS. Simon and Jude [28 Oct.] a° 17 Edward II. [A.D. 1323], it happened that a certain John de Chartres de Monte Leheri [1] lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in the kitchen of the hostel of Master Pandulph de Luca which he holds of Hamo Godchep in the parish of St. Mildred in the Ward of Bredstret. On hearing this, the said Coroner and Sheriffs proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Cordewanerstrete, Vintry and Queenhithe, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors say that when on the preceding Wednesday the said John de Chartres together with William de Wodeford and Johanna de Crougestere his wife had supped in the house which the said William and Johanna held in Melkstrete the said William, John and Johanna a little before midnight entered the said hostel in order to remove and take away certain goods lying therein as previously arranged between them, and when they had arrived at the hostel and had opened and forced divers doors, chambers, coffers and chests, and removed divers goods, it repented the said John to have done it, and perceiving this, the said William asked the said John to go into the kitchen of the hostel to light the fire, and when the said John came there and was on his knees to light the fire the said William, with the assent and assistance of the said Johanna of malice aforethought mortally struck the said John on the back of his head with an axe called "belte" [2] which he carried in his hand, no one else being present, so that he broke the skull on to his brain, and crushed the whole of his head so that he immediately died; [that the said William] placed the wood and fire over the corpse of the said John to burn it, so that it was nearly consumed; and that thereupon the said William and Johanna his wife stealthily took and carried away such goods as *Bredstret*

[1] Montlhery, in France (Depart. Seine et Oise).

[2] Nothing is known of the derivation of this word as signifying an axe N.E.D.). W. de Biblesworth, in Wright's Voc., p. 163, identifies "the belte" with Fr. *le coing* (Lat. *Cuneus*, a wedge). Cf. Roquefort, Coingnie; Cognée, espèce de massue; de *cuneus*.

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they could and fled, but whither they went or who received them the jurors know not, nor do they suspect any one except the said William and Johanna who have no chattels except those they carried away with them. Precept to the Sheriffs to attach the said William and Johanna when found in their bailiwick. The corpse viewed on which the felony appeared.

Thomas le Keu who found the body and raised the cry so that the country came attached by John le Taillour and Adam Fisshmongere. Four neighbours attached, viz. :

John de Lincoln, by Gilbert de Lesnes and William de Kele.

John de Stebenhuth, by Thomas Wyght and John Romeseye.

John de Wrotham, by Adam Brabanson and Roger de Evere de Bredstret.

Adam de Ely, by Alexander le Settere and John de Boltone.

5. *On the death of Thomas, Clerk of the parish church of St. Dionis Bakcherche.*

Langebourne On Saturday after the Feast of St. Martin [11 Nov.] a° 16 Edward II. [A.D. 1323], a certain Thomas, clerk of the church of St. Dionis Bakcherche lay dead of a death other than his rightful death under the wall of a shop held by John de Kirkeby, barber, of William de Wrotham in the same parish, in the Ward of Langebourne. On hearing this, the said Coroner and Sheriffs proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz. : Bisshopesgate, Bridge and Lymstrete, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors say that when on the preceding Friday the said Thomas and John de Kirkeby were standing at dusk at the door of the said shop, the said John drew his knife called "trancheour," and, because the said Thomas had previously cited him to the Chaplain, of malice aforethought mortally struck him under the left breast, inflicting a wound an inch long and seven inches deep of which he immediately died. Thereupon the said John forthwith took flight and was afterwards captured and committed to Neugate. Being asked who were present when this happened, they say No one except those two, because it was night, nor do they suspect any one of

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the death except the said John. Being asked of the goods and chattels of the said John, the jurors say that he had one brass bowl and pot valued by them at 2*s.* 6*d.*, three old pans worth 15*d.*, a basin and ewer worth 16*d.*, a pitcher (*picherum*) of tin worth 6*d.*, five small dishes worth 3*s.* 6*d.*, four towels worth 2*s.* 4*d.*, one shirt (*caniceam*) worth 4*d.*, three old sheets worth 18*d.*, three blankets worth 4*s.*, two silver rings worth 2*d.*, three razors and a pair of forceps worth 6*d.*, a coffer worth 8*d.*, in cash (*denariis numeratis*) 7*d.*, a chair and buffet (*buffettum*) worth 9*d.* Total 19*s.* 11*d.*, for which Adam de Salisbury, the Sheriff, will answer. The corpse viewed on which the said wound appeared. Precept to the Sheriffs to safeguard the said John until, &c.

Nicholas "Parvus," sub-clerk of the church of St. Dionis Bakcherche, who first found the corpse and raised the cry so that the country came, attached by Robert de Wengrave and Robert Symond.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

Richard atte Sterre, by Nicholas atte Forde and John de Surrey.

Walter de Stepenhuth, by Adam Inthelane and Richard atte Cocke.

Edward de Norffolk, by Dionisius le Avener and Robert atte Gate.

William de Wrotham, by Thomas Wastel and Richard Frere.

6. *On the death of Thomas de Basyngstoke.*

Thursday after the Feast of St. Andrew [30 Nov.] *a°* 17 Edward II. [A.D. 1323], information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that a certain Thomas de Basyngstoke, "coureur," lay dead of a death other than his rightful death, under the wall of the house which Alexander le Taverner holds of Robert Leyre in the parish of St. Laurence in the Ward of Jewry. On hearing this, the said Coroner and Sheriffs proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Colmanstrete, Bassieshaw, and *Crupulgate*

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Chepe, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors say that when on the preceding Wednesday the said Thomas and a certain Arnald de Ware, a cobbler, were quarrelling opposite the house aforesaid before the hour of curfew, the said Arnald drew his knife called "tranchour," and feloniously struck the said Thomas therewith under the left breast, inflicting a mortal wound an inch long and an inch and a half deep, whereof he then and there died. Thereupon the said Arnald immediately fled, and was afterwards captured and committed to Neugate. Being asked who were present when this happened, the jurors say No one except those two because it was night, nor do they suspect anyone else thereof. Being asked of the goods and chattels of the said Arnald, they say that he has one brass pot, a brass pan, an iron pan valued by them at 18*d.*, a blanket, a long cloak (*husciam*), and two old sheets worth 12*d.*; a piece of ox leather worth 10*d.*; a chest worth 4*d.* and other utensils of the value of 6*d.*; twelve pair of shoes of bazen,[1] worth 4*s.* 6*d.* Total 8*s.* 8*d.*, for which John de Oxon', the Sheriff, will answer. The corpse viewed whereon the said wound appeared. Precept to the Sheriffs to safeguard the said Arnald until, &c.

William de Claveringe, who first found the corpse and raised the cry so that the country came, attached by Richard le Chaloner and John le Clerk.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

John Wynton', junior, by Manekin de [*sic*] Heaumer,[2] and John de Erthorn.

Thomas de Brom, by Matthew le Nailer, and Robert le Fuyster.

John Turgod, by Adam le Barber and Robert le Hodere.

Roger Poyntel, by James le Clerk and Richard de Louth, cobbler.

[1] Bazan or basil; an inferior kind of leather made of sheep-skin.

[2] Manekyn le Heaumer (*i.e.* helmet-maker) is recorded in 1318 as having given military aid to Edward II. against the Scots.—'Cal. Letter-Book E,' pp. 93, 99.

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7. *Escape of William Banastre.*

Farndone

On Wednesday the eve of the Conception B.M. [8 Dec.] a° 17 Edward II. [A.D. 1323], a certain William Banastre of co. Cheshire took refuge in the church of St. Paul and on the same day confessed before the Coroner and Sheriffs that he was a robber, inasmuch as on Thursday the eve of St. Martin [11 Nov.] last passed he robbed a certain Master Robert de Chemenstre, a chaplain, of his black horse of the value of 40*s.*, and of 35*s.* sterling in cash, and also of a gown of red medley[1] worth 20*s.*, at Slepesdene,[2] co. Bucks, and refused to surrender himself to the King's peace therefor. He had no chattels and afterwards escaped.

8. *On the death of Stephen de Lenne, taverner.*

Billyngesgate

On Wednesday the Feast of St. Thomas [21 Dec.] the year aforesaid, it happened that a certain Stephen de Lenne, taverner, lay killed in a shop on the wharf of Nicholas Crowe in the parish of St. Bartholomew [*sic.*][3] in the Ward of Billyngesgate. On hearing this, the said Coroner and Sheriffs proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Tower, Bridge and Langebourne, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors say that when on the preceding Monday, after the hour of curfew, the said Stephen and a certain Arcus de Rikelinge of Brabant were playing at tables (*ad tabulas*) in the tavern of William de Staneforde, in the Ward of Douegate, and the said Stephen had won the money of the said Arcus, the said Arcus being thereby moved to anger, by false words led the said Stephen thence as far as the gate of the church of St. Magnus and of malice aforethought drew his knife called "tranchour," and struck the said Stephen on the belly under the navel causing two mortal wounds each of them one inch long and four inches deep; that, thus wounded, he went

[1] A cloth made of mixed materials.
[2] Slapton?
[3] Probably a clerical error for St. Botolph.

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thence as far as the said shop, and there lingered until Tuesday the eve of St. Thomas aforesaid when he died at the hour of midnight of the said wounds. Being asked what became of the said Arcus, they say that he immediately fled, but whither, or who received him, they know not, nor had he any chattels so far as they could learn. Being asked who were present when it happened, they say No one except those two, nor do they suspect any one of the death except the said Arcus. Precept to the Sheriffs to attach the said Arcus when found in their bailiwick. The corpse viewed on which the said wounds appeared. Afterwards the said Arcus surrendered himself to the prison of Neugate.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

Robert le Treire, by John Chaundeler and Roger le Berman.

Richard de Pelham, by John le Taverner and Roger Starling.

John de la Barre, by John atte Marche and Thomas de Ileford.

Geoffrey Sterre, by Richard Sterre and Alan atte Stone.

Walebroke 9.—Friday after the Feast of Purification B.M. [2 Feb.] a° 17 Edward II. [A.D. 1323-4], a certain William, son of Robert de Tiffeld took refuge in the church of St. John de Walebroke and there acknowledged before the said Coroner and Sheriffs that he was a felon of the lord the King inasmuch as he had that day feloniously killed William de Athelby, skinner, with a knife called "tranchour," and refused therefor to surrender himself to the peace of the lord the King. He had no chattels and he afterwards escaped.

10. *On the death of Gerard Andreu de Garbiak.*

Langebourne On Friday after the Feast of St. Agatha [5 Feb.] a° 17 Edward II. [A.D. 1323-4], it happened that a certain Gerard Andreu de "Garbiak" lay killed in a solar within the tenement of Simon de Knyardesleye, Knt. in the parish of St. Edmund the King in the Ward of Langebourne. On hearing this, the said Coroner and Sheriffs proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Cornhulle,

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Candelwikstrete and Bridge, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors say that when on the preceding Thursday, at dusk, a certain Guy "Fulberd" and Agnes his wife were sitting at supper in the house of Robert de Holewell in the said Ward, there came a certain Roger, cook of the Archdeacon of Winchester, and waylaid the said Agnes in order to take her to the said Archdeacon; that the said Guy moved with anger on that account frequently told the said Roger to depart thence and the said Roger refused, so that a quarrel arose between them, and then came up John de Holewell, Robert de Holewell, William de Dene and Peter his servant, and drove the said Roger out of the house, and when the said Gerard Andreu came to the assistance of the said Roger at the door of the house, the said Guy "Fubert," John de Holewell, Robert de Holewell, William de Dene and Peter his servant with staves and other arms drove the said Gerard into the corner of the shop tenanted by Roger de Notyngham, cobbler, in the said Ward, and there the said John de Holewell mortally struck the said Gerard on the right side of the head with a staff called "balstaf" with the assent and assistance of the said Guy, Robert, William and Peter, so that the skull was broken into the brain; that the said Gerard, thus hurt, went thence to the hostel of the said Archdeacon and there lingered without speaking until the morrow when he died at day-break of the aforesaid wound. Being asked who were present when this happened, the jurors say that they do not know, as it was night, nor do they suspect any one else. Being asked what became of the said John, Guy, Robert, William and Peter, the jurors say that they immediately took flight, but whither they went or who received them they know not. Being asked of the goods and chattels of the said John, Guy, Robert, William and Peter, they say that the said Robert has an old gown valued by them at 18*d.* for which Adam de Salisbury, the Sheriff, will answer, and that the said John, Guy, William and Peter have no chattels so far as they can learn. Precept to the Sheriffs to attach the said John, Guy, Robert, William and Peter when found in their bailiwick. The corpse of the said Gerard viewed, on which the said wound appeared. Afterwards the

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said John de Holewell surrendered himself to the prison of Neugate.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

Robert atte Folde, by Roger de Notyngham and Edward de Brymmesfeld.

William de Saunford, by Henry de Kirmerdyn and John de Asshendone.

Laurence de Canefeld, by Ivo Jacobi and Robert de Illetone.

Ivo le Coupere, by William Thedom and Walter de Stepenhuth.

Neugate 11.—Adam le Meleward, approver, died in the prison of Neugate his rightful death on Wednesday before the Feast of Purification B. M. [2 Feb.] the year aforesaid. The corpse viewed on which no hurt appeared.

Farndone 12.—On Saturday before the Feast of St. Gregory [12 March] a° 17 Edward II. [A.D. 1323–4], a certain Robert Stode, son of William Cramphorn de Sabrichesworth,[1] took refuge in the church of St. Martin-le-Grand and there and then acknowledged before the said Coroner and Sheriffs that he was a felon of the lord the King, inasmuch as on Sunday after the Feast of St. Michael [29 Sept.] of that year he had feloniously killed a certain Agnes, daughter of Thomas de Badele at Sobbery,[2] with a staff called "fagotstaf," and refused to surrender himself to the peace of the lord the King therefor. He had no chattels, and afterwards escaped.

13. *On the death of Symon de Parys.*

Cheap On Monday after the Feast of Annunciation B.M. [25 March] a° 17 Edward II. [A.D. 1324], it happened that a certain Simon, son of Roger de Parys, lay killed at the end of Soperes lane in the parish of St. Pancras in the Ward of Cheap. On hearing this, the said Coroner and Sheriffs proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the three nearest Wards,

[1] Sawbridgeworth, co. Herts. | [2] Sodbury, co. Glouces.

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viz. : Colmanstret, Cordewanerstret and Walebrok they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors say that when on the preceding Sunday at dusk, the aforesaid Symon and a certain William de Walyngford, "brewere," were quarrelling in Chepe the said Simon with threats followed the said William up to the house which John le Brewere, master of the said William, holds of Amice atte Bordhawe in the said street; that the said William forbade the said Simon to insult him any more in his master's house, and the said William forthwith entered his chamber in the said house and sought his knife called a "twhitel," and therewith dealt the said Simon a mortal blow under his left breast, causing a wound an inch long and six inches deep; that the said Simon so wounded immediately left the house and when he had arrived at the entrance of the above lane he fell to the ground and forthwith died; and that the said William was immediately taken and committed to Neugate. Being asked who were present when this happened, the jurors say Amice atte Bordhawe, John le Brewere, Alice de Walyngford, sister of the said William, William le Taborer and John de Oseneye and no others, nor do they suspect any one of the death except the same William de Walyngford. Precept to the Sheriffs to safe-guard him until, &c. The corpse viewed, on which the said wound appeared.

Alexander le Nedlere, who first found the corpse and raised the cry so that the country came, attached by Richard Curteys and John le Nedlere.

Those present attached, viz. :

Amice [atte] Bordhawe, attached by John le Keu and Thomas de Suttone.

John le Brewere, by Alan Annore and William le Maltmongere.

Alice de Walyngford, by John de Iltone and Thomas atte Wayvre.

William le Taborer, by Thomas Culli and John de Boseworth.

John de Oseneye, by William de Gartone and John le Barber.

Four neighbours attached, viz. :

Reginald de Conduit, junior, by Richard le Taverner and Thomas de Ameldone.

John de Redyng, by John Cotere and Thomas Basevile.

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Thomas le Fourbour, by John le Fourbour and Thomas Starling.

William de St. Alban, by Joyce de Tauntone and Richard le Fuyster.

14. *On the death of Hugh de St. Alban.*

Aldresgate On Thursday in Easter Week a° 17 [Edward II A.D. 1324], information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that a certain Hugh de St. Alban, carpenter, lay dead of a death other than his rightful death, in the house of Richard de Rothyng, "carpenter," in the parish of St. Botolph in the Ward of Aldresgate. On hearing this, the said Coroner and Sheriffs proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that ward and of the three nearest wards, viz.: Castle Baynard, Farndone and Crepulgate they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors say that on the preceding Thursday before the hour of Vespers the said Hugh placed a ladder at the gate of Sir Roger de Waltham in the Ward of Castle Baynard and went up it for the purpose of working there, and that when he got to the top of the gate, no one else being present, he fell by accident to the ground and fatally broke his head; that he was carried thence by his friends to the aforesaid house of Richard de Rothyng and there had his ecclesiastical rights and lingered until the Tuesday following when he died before the hour of Vespers of the accident aforesaid and of no felony, nor do they suspect anyone thereof, but only the accident. The ladder appraised by the jurors at 4 pence, for which John de Oxon' the Sheriff will answer.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

Richard de Rothyng, by Stephen Plomer and Alexander de Bery.

William de Schordiche, by Thomas de Bernham and Richard Rolf.

John de London, by Walter de Hereford and Augustine le Herberer.

Walter de Depenhale, "mazoun," by Thomas de Alemaigne and Thomas Lespicer.

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15. *On the death of John, son of William de Burgh.*

On Thursday after the Feast of SS. Philip and James [1 May] a° 17 [Edward II., A.D. 1324], information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that a certain John, son of William de Burgh, a boy five years of age, lay dead of a death other than his rightful death, in the rent of Walter de Hengham in the parish of St. Sepulchre in the Ward of Farndon Without. On hearing this, the said Coroner and Sheriffs proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Castle Baynard, Aldresgate and Bredstret, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors say that when on the preceding Monday at the hour of Vespers the said John was in the house of Richard le Latthere in the same parish, and had taken a parcel of wool and placed it in his cap (*capicium*), Emma, the wife of the said Richard, chastising him, struck the said John with her right hand under his left ear, nobody else being present, so that he cried; that, on hearing this, Isabella his mother raised the hue and carried him thence to the place where he lay dead, and where he lingered until the hour of curfew of the same day, when he died of the blow and not of any felony. Being asked what became of the said Emma, the jurors say that she forthwith fled, but where she went or who received her they know not. Precept to the Sheriffs to attach her when found in their bailiwick. Afterwards the said Emma surrendered herself to the prison of Neugate. *Farndone*

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

William le Cordewaner, by Roger de Elmetone and William de Chelchehuth.

Richard Hereward, by John de Potenhale and William le Haftere, junior.

Walter de Chepstede, by Geoffrey Leshog and Martin le Armurer.

John le Barber, by Peter le Latoner and John de Derby.

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16. *On the death of John le Belringere.*

Douegate On Friday the morrow of the Ascension [24 May] the year aforesaid [A.D. 1324], it happened that a certain John le Belringere lay dead in the high street of Douegate before the gate of the house held by Roger de Haveryng of Benedicta Box in the parish of All Hallows at the Hay in the Ward of Douegate. On hearing this, the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs proceeded thither and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Vintry, Bridge and Walebroke, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors say that when on the preceding Thursday a certain John de Wheteley of Chester and the said John le Belringere sat playing and drinking in the said house, strife arose between them, so that the said John de Wheteley drew his knife called a "Twytel" and fatally struck the said John le Belringere therewith on the throat inflicting a mortal wound an inch and a half long and two inches deep, and when the said John le Belringere at length left the house he fell down outside the door of the house and forthwith died. Being asked who were present when this happened, the jurors say No one except those two, nor do they suspect anyone except the said John de Wheteley. Being asked what became of the said John, they say that he immediately fled to the church of All Hallows at the Hay, where the said Coroner and Sheriffs immediately came to him; that the said John confessed himself guilty of the felony and refused to surrender himself to the King's peace but asked to abjure the realm and did abjure it on Sunday the Feast of Pentecost following. He chose the port of Bristol to cross the sea in five days, viz.: the first day to Wicombe, the second to Oxford, the third to Hegheworth,[1] the fourth to Malmesburi, and the fifth to Bristol, thence to cross the sea at the first tide under penalty prescribed. The said John has no chattels.

Richard Chicheboof called "Payn," who first found the corpse

[1] Highworth, co. Wilts.

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and raised the cry so that the country came, attached by Richard le Berman and John de Grenewich.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

Richard de Refham, by Copin le Barber and Richard de Kent.

Robert Persone, by Thomas le Taillour and Andrew le Boteler.

Roger de Havering, by Thomas Dieu and John atte Myne.

John le Carpenter, by Richard de Hereford and Nicholas de Oxeneford.

17. *On the death of Thomas de Lenne.*

Cornhulle

On Wednesday after the Feast of Invention of H. Cross, [3 May] the year aforesaid [A.D. 1324], it happened that a certain Thomas de Lenne, "pelleter," lay dead in the house held by Walter de Lenne, "pelleter," of Hugh de Waltham, in the parish of St. Michael in the Ward of Cornhulle. On hearing this, the said Coroner and Sheriffs proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Bradestret, Langebourne, and Walebroke, they diligently examined how it happened. The jurors say that on the preceding Thursday, after the hour of Vespers, a certain Thomas Somer, a "menestral," came playing to the said house, and the said Thomas de Lenne, moved with anger, took a staff called "Durbarre" in his hand and pursued the said Thomas Somer to kill him as far as the tun (*tonell'*[1]) upon Cornhulle, and therewith struck him on the head; that the said Thomas Somer at last drew his knife and with it struck the said Thomas de Lenne on the breast, inflicting a mortal wound an inch long, and four inches deep; that the said Thomas, so wounded, returned to the house and there had his ecclesiastical rights; that he lingered until mid-night [and then

[1] A prison for vagrants and suspected persons; said to be so called from its being built "in fashion of a Tunne standing on the one ende" (Stow, 'Survey,' ed. Kingsford, i. 188). In the City's so-called "Letter Books" the Latin term for it appears as *dolium*.—'Cal. Letter-Book B,' p. 75; 'Cal. Letter-Book C,' p. 38 (where the present editor mistook the term as relating to a cask of wine); also 'Cal. Letter-Book H,' p. 339.

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died]. The said Thomas Somer was forthwith taken and committed to Neugate. Being asked who were present when this happened, the jurors say No one except those two, so far as they can learn, nor do they suspect anyone of the death. Precept to the Sheriffs to safe-guard the said Thomas until, &c.

The corpse viewed on which the wound appeared.

Four neighbours attached,[1] viz. :

John Bonde, by Stephen le Skynnere and John le Hodere.

Roger Horold, by John de Buri and Edmund de Mohant.

Walter atte Holte, by Stephen atte Stopeles and Richard Hubert.

Stephen atte Holte, by Richard atte Slow and John de Ryveleshale.

18. *On the death of Nicholas, servant of Simon de Knottyngley.*

Bisshopesgate On Monday in Pentecost week the year aforesaid [A.D. 1324], it happened that Nicholas, the servant of Simon de Knottyngley, lay killed before the gate of the house of William de Pomfreit in the high street in the parish of St. Botolph de Bisshopesgate in the same Ward. On hearing this, the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz. : Portsokne, Alegate, and Bradestret, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors say that on the aforesaid Monday, at break of day, that William de la Marche late palfrey-man (*palefridarius*) of Henry de Perci, Thomas the servant of the said Henry de Perci's cook, John the servant to Henry Krok, the said Henry's esquire, assaulted, beat and wounded the said Nicholas in the house held by Alice de Wytteney, a courtesan, of John de Assheby in the same parish, and the said William de la March struck the said Nicholas with a knife called an " Irisshknyf " under the right breast and pene-

[1] The finder was not attached because the deceased had had his ecclesiastical rights.—*Nota, qui habet iura ecclesiastica non habebit inventorem set iiij vicinos tantum.*—"The Eyre of Kent," 6 and 7 Edward II (Selden Soc.) i. 140.

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trating to the belly, inflicting a wound an inch long and in depth half through the body (*profunditatis per medium corpus*) [1] that the said Stephen [*sic*] [2] thus wounded went thence to the place where he was found dead, and there died at daybreak of the same day. Being asked what became of the said William, Thomas and John, the jurors say that they immediately fled, but whither they went or who received them they know not, nor do they suspect any one except those three. Being asked as to their goods and chattels, the jurors say that they had none, so far as could be ascertained. Being asked who first found the corpse, they say it was Thomas, son of John le Mareschal, who raised the cry so that the country came. The corpse viewed on which the wound appeared. Precept to the Sheriff to attach the said William, Thomas and John as soon as they be found in their bailiwick. Afterwards the said William de la Marche was captured by Adam de Salisbury, the Sheriff, and committed to Newgate. The said William has a sur-coat which is confiscated by his flight, of the value of two shillings, for which Adam de Salisbury the Sheriff will answer.

The above Thomas, son of John le Mareschal, attached by Bernard le Carpenter and Thomas le Gardener.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

John Assheby, by Thomas Starling and Walter de Stanes.

Walter de Bedefunte, by Walter de Northamptone and John le Barber.

William de Pomfreit, by William de Chalke and Roger Swetyng.

Adam le Fuitz Robert, by Eustace le Hattere and Thomas de Borham.

19. *On the death of Edmund de Brekles.* [3]

On Trinity Sunday [10 June] a° 17 Edward II. [A.D. 1324], it happened that a certain Edmund de Brekles, a chaplain, lay killed in the house which John de Maltone and Juliana Aunsel held of *Bisshopesgate*

[1] Or does this mean, "in depth through the centre of his body"?

[2] Clerical error for Nicholas.

[3] This inquest is omitted in the transcript of the Roll in the Guildhall MS. No. 126.

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Adam de St. Alban in the parish of St. Helen in the Ward of Bisshopesgate. On hearing this, the said Coroner and Sheriffs proceeded thither and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Bradestret, Cornhulle and Lymstrete, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors say that, when on the preceding Saturday, after the hour of curfew, the aforesaid Edmund with the said Juliana his concubine, lay together in a certain solar in the said house, there came the said John de Maltone with his knife drawn and feloniously, and with malice aforethought, struck the said Edmund therewith in the belly, no others being present, so that he immediately died. Thereupon the said John and Juliana fled to the said church of St. Helen, and the same day the said John acknowledged himself a felon of the lord the King before the said Coroner and Sheriffs, for having killed the said Edmund, and the said Juliana likewise confessed herself an accomplice and abettor, and they refused to surrender themselves to the King's peace. Being asked as to the goods and chattels of the said John and Juliana, the jurors say that they have one canvas worth 3 pence, a carpet *de rino*[1] worth 16 pence, a coverlet of serge (*de sarg'*) worth 20 pence, a coverlet of "Wirstede" worth 20 pence, two old blankets worth 14 pence, six sheets worth 26 pence, one table-cloth and two towels worth 20 pence, two chemises and a towel worth 7 pence, a gown of green cloth worth five shillings, a gown of blue cloth worth four shillings, a trunk of small things worth twelve pence, a piece of canvas and a "materaz" worth two shillings, a blanket worth twelve pence, a carpet worth ten pence, a "card"[2] and an ear-cushion worth six pence, a parcel of woollen thread worth two pence, two brass pots worth four shillings, a brass pan and a "costerell"[3] worth twelvepence, a dish and ewer and one andiron (*andrea ferri*) worth two shillings. Total 32 shillings, for which Adam de Salisbury, the Sheriff, will answer. Being asked who first found the corpse, the jurors say a

[1] *Rivo* (?).

[2] *Carda*, an inferior piece of silk.

[3] A drinking cup—Du Cauge, *s.v.* Costerellum; Migne, *s.v.* Costrellus; so-called from being slung at the traveller's side. Cf. *infra*, Roll E 17 *duos parvos costrellos vocatos Flagetz.*

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certain John de Redele, a clerk, who raised the cry so that the country came. The corpse viewed on which the wound appeared. Precept to the Sheriffs to attach the said John and Juliana when found out of sanctuary in their bailiwick.

The above John de Redele, who found the corpse, attached by Richard le Scherman and John le Sadelere.

Four neighbours attached, viz. :

Roger de Kent, by Henry de Norhamptone and Richard le Joynour.

Thomas Brangwayn, by John Busshe and Richard de Bedeford.

William Mabeli, by Adam de Wynton' and John Dounerham.

William le Hornere, by John le Fourbour and Robert Manyman.

Afterwards, viz. : on Wednesday after the Feast of St. Barnabas [11 June] the same year, the above John de Maltone, at the gate of the churchyard of the aforesaid church of St. Helen confessed his felony and abjured the realm in the presence of the said Coroner and Sheriffs. He chose the port of Dover, and it was allowed him, thence to cross the sea in four days, viz. : the first to Derteford, the second to Neuentone, the third to Canterbury, and the fourth to Dover, thence to cross the sea at the first tide, under penalty prescribed.

And the above Juliana Aunsel, for abetting the felony likewise abjured the realm on Monday before the Feast of St. Margaret [20 July] following, choosing the port of Dover thence to cross the sea in five days, viz. : the first to Derteford, the second to Roucestre, the third to Sidingbourne, the fourth to Canterbury and the fifth to Dover.

20. *Abjuration of John, son of Robert Burgeys.*

On Monday the morrow of St. Trinity [10 June] a° 17 Edward II. [A.D. 1324], a certain John, son of Robert Burgeys of Bernewell[1] co. Camb. fled into the church of St. Sepulchre without Neugate in the Ward of Farndone and there, in the presence of

[1] The borough of Cambridge is divided into five Wards, two of which are East and West Barnwell.

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the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs confessed himself a felon of the lord the King inasmuch as he had killed a certain Robert de Seleby in the high street near Mitone co. York on Wednesday after the Feast of Nativity B. Mary [8 Sept.] *a°* 14 Edward II [A.D. 1320]. He refused to surrender himself to the peace of the lord the King and asked to abjure the realm and did abjure the realm on the following Tuesday, choosing the port of Dover thence to cross the sea in three days, viz.: the first to Roucestre, the second to Canterbury and the third to Dover, to cross the sea at the first tide, under penalty prescribed. He had no chattels.

21. *On the death of Nicholas Lightfot.*

Tower On Wednesday after the Feast of St. Swithin [15 July] a° 17 Edward II [A.D. 1324], information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that a certain Nicholas Lightfot, carpenter, lay dead of a death other than his rightful death, in a certain workshop (*fabrica*) within the Tower of London. On hearing this the said Coroner and Sheriffs proceeded thither and having summoned good men of that Ward and of four other Wards, viz.: Bridge, Alegate, Langebourne and Portesokne, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors say that on the preceding Wednesday at the hour of Compline [1] the above Nicholas Lightfot attacked a certain Nicholas le Walsh, goldsmith, with a drawn sword in the parish of St. Mildred in the Poultry, striking him on the head so that he fell to the ground; that he immediately got up and fled towards the church of St. Benedict de Grascherche; that being pursued and pressed by the said Nicholas Lightfot, he drew his knife called a "misericord," and struck the said Nicholas on the top of his head, inflicting a fatal wound five inches long and penetrating to the brain; that the said Nicholas Lightfot so wounded returned to the Tower, where he had his ecclesiastical rights and lingered until the following Wednesday, when he died before midnight of the wound aforesaid. Being asked who were present when this happened the jurors say that there was a multitude of

[1] Some time between 8 and 9 p.m., when the last service for the day was held.

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people, whose names they know not, nor do they suspect anyone of the death except the said Nicholas le Walsh. Being asked what became of the said Nicholas le Walsh, the jurors say that he was taken by some persons unknown to the house of Robert le Leche upon Cornhulle to be medically treated, the said Robert not knowing of the felony, and that he fled from there, but where he went or who received him the jurors know not. Being asked of his goods and chattels the jurors say that he had none, so far as they could learn. The corpse viewed, etc. Precept to the Sheriffs to attach the said Nicholas le Walsh, when found in their bailiwick. Afterwards he was captured by Adam de Salisbury, the Sheriff, and committed to Neugate.

Four neighbours attached, viz. :

Thomas Palmere, by John de Berlingham and Henry le Frensch.

Martin le Palmere, by Hamo le Smyth and Thomas de Atelingfeld.

William Smert, by William Cros and Robert de Bristoll.

Adam Hunteman, by Thomas de Combe, cordewainer, and Simon de Kidemenstre.

22. *On the death of Francis de Vilers.*[1]

Farndone

On Sunday after the Feast of St. Peter ad Vincula [1 Aug.] a° 18 Edward II. [A.D. 1324], information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that a certain Francis de Vilers, Knt., lay killed in his house in the parish of St. Dunstan in the Ward of Farndone. On hearing this, the said Coroner and Sheriffs proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Castle Baynard, Aldrichesgate and Bredstret, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors say that when on Tuesday before the Feast of St. Mary Magdalen [20 July] last passed, at dusk, the said Francis and a certain John de Wodehay, Rector of the church of Hertele [2] near Basyngstok were quarrelling on their way to the hostel of the

[1] This inquest is also omitted in the transcript in the Guildhall MSS. No. 126 (Library).

[2] Hartley Wintney?

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Bishop of Bath and Wells and had arrived at the gate of the Carmelite Friars,[1] both of them in anger drew their swords, and the said John, no others being present, struck the said Francis on the right side of his head, inflicting a mortal wound five inches long and one inch deep; that the said Francis thus wounded returned home and there had his ecclesiastical rights and that he lingered until the following Saturday when he died at the hour of curfew of the wound aforesaid. Being asked what became of the said John, the jurors say that he was immediately arrested by the neighbours and delivered to John de Oxon', the Sheriff. Precept to the Sheriff to safe-guard him until, etc.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

William de Flete, by Philip le Fruter and Andrew Sotewy.

Richard atte Cornere, by Roger de Paris and John de Stokes.

Geoffrey Ambrose, by John le Dorturer and Walter atte Sloo.

William de Torryng, by John de Fulham and William le Bedel.

23. *On the death of Johanna Cotekyn.*

Bridge Tuesday after the Feast of St. Bartholomew [24 Aug.] a° 18 [Edward II., A.D. 1324], it happened that Johanna, daughter of John Cotekyn, lay dead of a death other than her rightful death in the house which the said John holds of John Cros in the parish of St. Benedict de Garcherch in the Ward of Bridge. On hearing this, the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs proceeded thither and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Bradestret, Candelwikstret and Billyngesgate they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors say that when on the preceding Saturday a little after the hour of Vespers, the said Johanna was alone in the house which Thomas le Citoler [*sic*] holds of Hugh de Waltham in the said parish she by accident fell down a certain stair of the solar of the said house and fatally crushed her body; that she was carried thence by friends to her father's house, where she lingered until the following Tuesday when she died at the hour of Prime of the accident aforesaid and

[1] Or White Friars.

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of no felony. The stair valued by the jurors at 6 pence for which Adam de Salisbury, the Sheriff, will answer.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

John Horn, by Simon le Taillour and Thomas le Barber.

Simon de Kidenmenstre, by Dionisius le Avener and Thomas de Bordwell.

William Amys, by Henry de Chestre, "cordewaner," and Stephen le Sadelere.

"Boidnus" Fader, by John le Hornere and Robert le Taverner.

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ROLL D.

Roll of accidents, felonies and abjurations in the City of London between Michaelmas 18 *Edward II. and Michaelmas* 19 *Edward II.* [*A.D. Sept.* 1324–*Sept.* 1325] temp. *Stephen de Abyndone, Coroner of the City, John de Ileford being his deputy, and Benedict de Fulsham and John de Caustone, Sheriffs.*

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1. *On the death of Richard Herkyn.*

Tower On Thursday after the Feast of St. Michael [29 Sept.] a° 18 Edward II. [A.D. 1324], information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that a certain Richard Herkyn lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in a well called "Draghewell" within the tenement of John de Braye (?) tenanted by John atte Sole, in the parish of St. Dunstan in Tower Ward. On hearing this, the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs proceeded thither and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Billingesgate, Alegate and Langebourne, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors say that when on the preceding Tuesday, at the third hour the said Richard descended into the well by means of a hemp rope with a bucket to recover a piece of board lying therein, he by accident fell and was drowned. Being asked who were present, the jurors say that a certain William Stiward, "coupere," who first found him and raised the cry, and nobody else, nor do they suspect any one except the accident. The body viewed, &c. The cord, bucket and [hook ?] by which the cord was hung appraised by the jurors at 12 pence for which John de Caustone, the Sheriff, will answer. Precept to the Sheriff to stop up the well.

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William Stiward, the finder, attached by John atte Sole and Henry Sterre.

Four neighbours attached, viz. :

William de Braye, by Henry le Frenshe and Adam Bushe.

William le Luton', by William de Derham and Ralph Miles.

John Box, by Thomas de Athelingflet, "barbour," and Hugh le Taillour.

John de Bengo, by Henry Trippe and Hamo le Smythe.

2. *On the death of William le Irisshe, "corour."*

Langebourne

On Saturday in the octave of St. Michael [29 Sept.] the same year [A.D. 1324], it happened that a certain William le Irisshe, "corour," lay killed in the high street before the gate of the merchants of the Society of Scala[1] in the parish of St. Mary Wolnoth in the Ward of Langebourne. On hearing this, the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs proceeded thither and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Cornhulle, Candelwykstret and Bridge, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors say that on the preceding Friday at the hour of Vespers the said William struck with his hand a certain Johanna de Lillebourne, as she was standing at the said gate, for opprobrious words that had arisen between them; that seeing this, a certain John "Walsham," a tailor, being moved with anger on that account, drew his knife called an "Irissh knyf," and therewith mortally struck the said William under his left breast, inflicting a wound an inch long and five inches deep, so that he there fell and immediately died. Being asked who were present when this happened, the jurors say, the aforesaid William, John and Johanna and a certain Adam le Irisshe came up and raised the cry, and no one else, nor do they suspect any one of the death except the said John "Walshman." Being asked what became of the said John, the jurors say that he fled to the church of St. Edmund the King in Langebourne Ward, and confessed the felony before the Coroner and Sheriffs, for which he refused to

[1] The Scali like the Bardi, Peruzzi and other Italian merchants, had large money dealings with King Edward II.

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surrender himself to the King's peace. Precept to the men of the Ward to safe-guard him until, &c. Being asked as to his goods and chattels, the jurors say that he had none so far as they could learn, except the aforesaid knife which they valued at 2 pence, for which the Ward will answer. He afterwards made his escape.

Johanna de Lillebourne, being present, attached by Richard atte More and Thomas le Lokyere.

Adam le Irisshe, who found the body, attached by Henry de Kermerdyn and John Sporoun.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

William de Canefeld, by Henry le Taillour and Thomas de Borwell.

Ivo le Coupere, by John de Bery and William Salle.

Thomas Beauflour, taverner, by Simon Fitz Robert and Richard de Codingtone.

Robert de Holewelle, by Nicholas de la Marche and Robert de Bristoll.

3. *On the death of Henry Arnald.*

Aldresgate On Sunday after the Feast of St. Faith [6 Oct.] a° 18 Edward II. [A.D. 1324], a certain Henry Arnald of Chesthunte lay killed in a certain solar within the tenement of William de Shordich in the parish of St. Botolph without Aldresgate in the Ward of Aldresgate. On hearing this, the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Farndone, Crupelgate and Castle Baynard, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors say that on Wednesday before the Feast of St. Lawrence [10 Aug.] Henry de Honylane steward (*custos*) of the manor of Henry Beaufuitz, Knt., in Enefeld, William Wygeyn de Enefeld, William Cok de Enefeld, skinner, Thomas le Messager of the same, and Richard the servant of Thomas de Nortone, at the instance of John Cullyng, and of malice aforethought, assaulted the said Henry at Edelmetone,[1] and mortally wounded him with their staves called "Pollax" and "Balstafs" on the head, back,

[1] Edmonton

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and about the knees and thighs; that the said John Culling rescued the said Henry de Honylane, William Wygeyn, William Cok, Thomas le Messager and Richard the servant of Thomas de "Noretone" so that the country was unable to attach them; that the said Henry thus hurt was taken by his friends to be medically treated and there had his ecclesiastical rights; that he lingered until Friday after the Feast of St. Faith [6 Oct.] when he died about midnight of the aforesaid beating. Being asked who were present when this happened the jurors say they do not know. Being asked what became of the said Henry, William, William, Thomas and Richard the jurors say that they immediately fled, but whither they went or who received them they know not, nor do they know of their goods or chattels, nor do they suspect any one else. And the said John was captured by Benedict de Fulsham, the Sheriff, and committed to Neugate. Precept to attach the others when found in the bailiwick.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

Willam de Shordich, by Ralph Gy, cordwainer, and Thomas de Bernham.

Geoffrey de Hestone, by John de Stafford and John Galewey.

Walter de Depenhale, by Richard Rolf and William de Northamtone.

Richard de Rothinge, "carpenter," by Nicholas le Hattere and Benedict le Fuyster.

4. *On the death of Gerard le Fruyter.*

Bredstret

On Wednesday before the Feast of St. Luke [18 Oct.] a° 18 Edward II. [A.D. 1324], information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that a certain Gerard le Fruyter lay killed in the entrance of the house of Robert le Bret in the parish of St. Peter in the Ward of Bredstret [*sic*]. On hearing this, the said Coroner and Sheriffs proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Chepe, Cordewanerstret and Crupulgate, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors say that when on the preceding Tuesday after the hour of Vespers, a certain John de Wodenhale,

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pepperer, met the said Gerard before the shop which Hugh de Brandene holds in the said Ward of Bredstret, angry words arose between them because of an already existing rancour, and at length the said John drew his knife called "anelaz,"[1] and fatally struck the said Gerard therewith on the left side of his belly, inflicting a wound an inch long and five inches deep; that the said Gerard went thence to the place where he died of the said wound. Being asked who were present when this happened, the jurors say that owing to the number of passers-by they could not learn their names. Being asked what became of the said John, the jurors say that he forthwith fled, but whither he went or who received him, they know not, nor do they suspect any one else of the death. Of goods and chattels he had none so far as the jurors could learn. Being asked who first found the corpse the jurors say Phillipa wife of the said Gerard who raised the cry so that the country came. Precept to the Sheriffs to attach the said John when found in their bailiwick.

The above Phillipa, who found the body, attached by Hugh le Fruyter and Robert Burel.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

Robert de Gloucestre, by Andrew le Goldsmyth and John de Gloucestre.

William de Bodelee, by Nicholas de Bentlee and Henry le Taverner.

John de Castelacre, by Walter de Aumbresburi and John de Chippenhurst.

Hugh de Brandone, by William de Kele and Thomas Rys.

5. *On the death of William Cok, cook.*

Crupulgate On Tuesday before the Feast of All Saints [1 Nov.] a° 18 Edward II. [A.D. 1324], information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that a certain William Cok, cook of Sir William de Stowe, lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in a certain shop in the rent of John de Colkyrk in the

[1] Lat. *anelacium*. A short knife, poignard or stiletto.

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parish of St. Alphege in the Ward of Crupulgate Within.[1] On hearing this, they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Aldrichesgate, Chepe and Bassieshagh, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors say that when on Monday before the Feast of SS. Simon and Jude [28 Oct.] last passed, before the hour of curfew, the said William had come to the top of the lane of Wodestret towards Chepe he met a certain Simon le Walssh of Heyton[2] co. Salop, and attacked him with his knife called a "misericorde,"[3] and the said Simon with his staff called "Balstaf" struck the said William on the right arm so that he dropt the knife, and pursued him thence as far as the house of Richard Constantyne in the said Ward, where he fatally hit him on the left side of the head in front of the said house, no others being present; that the said William went thence, with his head broken, to the place where he died and there had his ecclesiastical rights; that he lingered until the following Monday when he died at the hour of Vespers. Being asked what became of the said Simon, the jurors say that he immediately fled but whither he went or who received him they know not, nor do they suspect any one except the said Simon who has no chattels. Precept to the Sheriffs to attach the said Simon when found in their bailiwick.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

John Payn, by William Godale and John Coterel.

Elias de Berkquey, by Alan de Asshendone and Robert le Fuyster.

William de Tanregge, by Thomas de Basevile and Robert de Coshale.

[1] The Ward was not actually divided into the Wards of Cripplegate Within and Cripplegate Without until about the year 1569, when the Court of Aldermen ordered that separate precepts for elections, &c., should be sent to each Ward.—Repertory, 16, fo. 464. At the present day, each Ward elects its own Common Councilmen, but one Alderman presides over both Wards.—See Baddeley's 'Aldermen of Cripplegate,' p. 213.

[2] There is a manor of that name in the county. *Inquis. post mortem.*

[3] A short knife or dagger, said to be so called from its being used in warfare for the dispatch of the vanquished who asked for mercy (*misericordia*).

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William de Pertenhale, by William de Gravelee and John Thurgod.

6. *On the death of Elena Gubbe.*

Vintry On Wednesday the eve of All Saints [1 Nov.] a° 18 Edward II. [A.D. 1324], a certain Elena Gubbe lay drowned in the water of the Thames under the wharf of John le White in the parish of St. Martin in the Ward of Vintry. On hearing this, the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Queenhithe, Cordewanerstret and Douegate, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors say that when on Monday after the Feast of St. Luke [18 Oct.] at the hour of curfew the said Elena went to the Thames with two earthenware pitchers (*duobus picher' terre*) for water, and had come to the wharf called "La Lauenderebrigge"[1] and filled her vessels, by accident she fell into the water and was drowned, nobody being present; that she remained under water until the aforesaid Wednesday when Ralph Gubbe, her father, found her submerged and raised the cry so that the country came. The stair of the wharf from which the said Elena fell, valued by the jury at 4*d.*, for which Benedict de Suffolk[2] [*sic*] the Sheriff will answer.

The said Ralph attached by John de Sowy and Robert atte More.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

John de Gisors, by Thomas de Buseville and Walter de Kent.

James Beauflour, by John atte Lee and Thomas le Taillour.

John Hardel, by Robert le Crokker and "Compin" le Barbier.

Thomas Wastiel, by Andrew le Botiller and Richard Hering.

7. *On the death of Henry Scot.*

Bredstret On Monday after the Feast of All Saints [1 Nov.] the year aforesaid, it happened that a certain Henry Scot lay drowned in a certain well within the tenement of Nicholas de Bentle in the

[1] Probably a jetty used by those engaged in laundry work. For this use of the term "bridge" to signify only a pier or jetty, see 'Cal. Letter-Book I.,' p. 260n.

[2] Clerical error for Fulsham.

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parish of St. Matthew in the Ward of Bredstret. On hearing this the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Castle Baynard, Farndone within and Cordewanerstret, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors say that when on the said Monday at break of day, the said Henry desired to draw water from the said well with a certain bucket (*buketto*), no one else being present, he by accident fell into the well and was immediately drowned. Being asked who first found the corpse, the jurors say it was Stephen le Brewere who raised the cry so that the country came. The said Stephen was attached by Hugh le Tayllour and Nicholas de Bentle. The bucket valued at 6*d.* for which Benedict de Fulsham, the Sheriff, will answer. Precept to the Sheriff to close the well.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

Thomas de Copham, by John Mareys and William le Mareschal.

William de Wolde, by Simon de Boltone and Benedict le Blowere.

John de Godeston, by William Wygeyn and Thomas de Lincoll.

Robert de Gloucestre, by William le Sauser and Walter le Chapman.

8. *On the death of John de Saxtone, "fourbour."* [1]

On Wednesday before the Feast of St. Martin [11 Nov.] a° 18 Edward II. [A.D. 1324], information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that a certain John de Saxtone "fourbour," lay killed in a certain solar within the rent of Richard de Betoyne, in the parish of St. Pancras, in the Ward of Chepe. On hearing this they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward, and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Farndon Without,[2] Cordewanerstret, Crupulgate, and Colemanstret, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors say that when on the preceding Sunday at dusk, the said John, at the head of Sholane, in *Chepe*

[1] Furbisher, a restorer of old clothes, &c., whence the family name "Frobisher."

[2] See note, *supra* p. 5.

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the Ward of Farndon Without, met a certain William Campion, late a servant of Adomar, Earl of Pembroke,[1] they there quarrelled, so that the said William assaulted the said John with sword drawn, and threw him to the ground; that there then appeared Robert de Baldok, a friend of the said William, and a late servant of the said Earl, and by the aid and abetting of Cristina Galeye (who got them to commit the felony there and then) fatally struck the said John with his sword on the left side of the head, inflicting a wound seven inches long and three inches deep; that he was carried by his friends to the solar aforesaid, and there had his ecclesiastical rights, and lingered until the aforesaid Wednesday, when he died at the hour of Prime. Being asked who were present when it happened, the jurors say No one except the said John, William and Robert. Being asked what became of the said Robert, William and Cristina, the jurors say that they forthwith fled, but whither they went or who received them they know not. Being asked as to the goods and chattels of the said William, Robert and Cristina, the jurors say that they had none so far as they could learn; nor do they suspect any one of his death except the said William, Robert and Cristina. Precept to the Sheriffs to attach the said [Robert?] William and Cristina when found in their bailiwick.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

John Knopwed, by John de Wynton' and Richard Spark.

Reginald atte Cunduyt, junior, by Salamon le Coffrer and Geoffrey le Cotiller.

Henry atte Roche, by William atte Roche and John le Disshere.

John de Redynge, by John Coterel and Richard le Glovere.

9. *On the death of Elyas, son of William del Park, "mazoun."*

Tower On Monday after the Feast of St. Martin [11 Nov.] a° 18 Edward II. [A.D. 1324], information given to the aforesaid

[1] Aymer de Valence, Earl of Pembroke, who died in 1323. He had been placed in confinement by Flemish merchants as security for money owing to them by Edward II.—Stubb's 'Const. Hist.' ii. 532.

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Coroner and Sheriffs that a certain Elyas, son of William del Park of Styvintone lay dead of a death other than his rightful death within the Tower of London. On hearing this they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of the same Ward and the three nearest Wards, viz.: Billingesgate, Alegate, and Portsoken, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors say that when about mid-day of the said Monday a certain John, son of William de Park of Styvintone of co. Beds., and the said Elyas, his brother, working in the Tower, quarrelled and fought, and the said Elyas, striking the said John with a staff, drove him up to the Tower wall by the Thames, with intention of killing him, the said John thus pressed against the wall drew his knife called "trenchour," and therewith struck the said Elyas on the breast, inflicting a mortal wound an inch and a half long and penetrating to the heart, whereof he immediately died. This done he mounted a certain bretask[1] on the wall and thence dropt into the ditch, and took refuge in the church of St. Katherine's Hospital[2] in the Ward of Portsoken, where he confessed the felony before the said Coroner and Sheriffs, and refused to surrender himself to the King's peace. Precept to the men of the Ward of Portsoken to safeguard him until, &c. Being asked who were present when the felony was committed, the jurors say No one except those two, nor do they suspect any one except the said John, who has no chattels. Being asked who first found the corpse, they say Roger del Park, brother of the said John and Elyas who raised the cry, &c., and he is attached by Henry de Scrof and Andrew le Porter. Precept to the Sheriffs to attach the said John as soon as he can be found outside sanctuary.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

Richard Pilk, by Henry le Smyth and Ivo de Shaldeford.

[1] A building called "La Bretask," near the Tower, was used about this time for storing munitions of war.—See 'Cal. Letter-Book F,' pp. 1, 16.

[2] Formerly stood on the site of St. Katherine's Docks, but removed (in order to make room for the docks) to Regent's Park early in the last century.

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Martin le Palmere, by Thomas le Barbour and Henry le Frenshe.

Hugh de Hecham, by John de "Grenewyich" and Philip le Tournour.

Adam de Ridegrave, by John de la Marche and John le Rede.

Afterwards, viz., on the following Sunday, the said John, son of William del Park, escaped from the aforesaid church.

10. *On the death of John Gloffard, "porter."*

Douegate

On Tuesday, after the Feast of St. Martin [11 Nov.] a° 18 Edward II. [A.D. 1324], it happened that a certain John Gloffard, "portour" lay killed in Thamisestret before the door of the church of All Hallows at the Hay in the Ward of Douegate. On hearing this, the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs proceeded thither and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Vintry, Bridge, and Kandelwykstret, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors say that on the preceding Monday, at dusk, the said John Gloffard and a certain Robert Gloffard were quarrelling in the high street of "la Roperie" in the Parish and Ward aforesaid, when the said Robert feloniously struck the said John with a knife called "Thwytel" in the belly under the navel, causing a mortal wound an inch long and five inches deep, of which he immediately died. Being asked who were present when this happened, the jurors say Richard de "Bremyngham," a tailor, who discovered the body and raised the cry so that the country came. Being asked what became of the said Robert, they say that he forthwith fled, but whither he went or who received him they know not. Being asked as to the goods and chattels of the said Robert, they say that he had none so far as they could learn. Precept to the Sheriffs to attach the said John [*sic*] when found in their bailiwick.

The above Richard de "Bermyngham" who found the body, attached by Edmund le Taillour and Robert Ferthing.

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Four neighbours attached, viz.:

John de Prestone, by "Compin" le Barbier and John de Kerslowe.

Hermann Skippere, by William de Godalmynge and John de Chichestre.

Richard Andreu, by John le Barbier and William de Hicche.

William de Combe, by Richard Uptone and Ralph de Waltham.

11.—On Thursday after the Feast of St. Martin [11 Nov.] a° 18 Edward II. [A.D. 1324], a certain John de Cavendisshe, brother of Geoffrey de Cavendisshe of London, fled into the church of St. Mary de Wolcherche, and in the presence of the Coroner and Sheriffs, acknowledged that he had that day feloniously killed Nicholas Horn, "gerdlere," before the gate of the merchants of the Bardi[1] in the Ward of Langebourne, with his knife called "misericorde," and refused to surrender himself to the King's peace. He further says that a certain Robert, called "Litelrobyn," and Geoffrey the cobbler (*sutor*), living near Grascherche incited him to commit the felony. Afterwards, viz., on the following Sunday, he made his escape. Chattels none.

12. *On the death of Henry, son of Thomas Staci.*

Marshalsea

On Monday before the Feast of St. Edmund the King [20 Nov.] a° 18 [Edward II. A.D. 1324], a certain Henry, son of Thomas Staci de "Juppewyz,"[2] who was detained in the prison of the Marshalsea of (*de*) the King's Bench,[3] for the death of John Cristofre of "Juppewyz,"[4] died in the said prison, in the custody

[1] A company of Florentine merchants, like the Peruzzi and others. In January, 1345, the Bardi failed, King Edward being largely in their debt—a catastrophe which plunged all Florence in distress.—Stubb's 'Const. Hist.,' ii. 397, 532. 'Archæol'., Vol. xxviii. pp. 259–60.

[2] Ipswich.

[3] The Marshalsea and the King's Bench appear to have been distinct prisons situate in Southwark.—Stow, 'Survey,' (ed. Kingsford), ii. 61, 366.

[4] Both Thomas and Henry Staci were implicated in a riot which took place at Ipswich in 1324. See Article on "Chaucer's Grandfather," by Walter Rye in 'Athenæum,' 29 Jan., 1881. For particulars of the association of the family of Staci with that of the poet Chaucer, see 'Cal. Letter-Book E,' p. 218.

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of John le Gay, his rightful death and not of any felony. The corpse viewed on which no hurt appeared.

13. *On the death of Robert de St. Botolph, "waterberere."*[1]

Vintry On Monday before the Feast of St. Nicholas [6 Dec.] a° 18 Edward II. [A.D. 1324], information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that a certain Robert de St. Botolph, a "waterberere," lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in the house of John Amyz, in the Parish of St. Michael de Paternostercherch in the Ward of Vintry. On hearing this, they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Douegate, Queenhithe, and Cordewanerstret, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors say that when on Monday before the Feast of St. Edmund King last passed the said Robert and a certain "John de Parys of York," servant of Master William de Casis de Ageneys, at dusk, were quarrelling in the street of "la Ryole,"[2] the said John drew his knife called "bideu," and therewith mortally struck the said Robert on the top of his head, no one else being present, inflicting a wound 3 inches long and penetrating the skull; that the said Robert thus wounded went thence to the said house of John Amyz, where he had his ecclesiastical rights, and there lingered until Saturday before the Feast of St. Edmund, when he died at midnight. Being asked what became of the said "John de York," the jurors say that he returned to the house of the said William de Casis his master, and with him crossed the sea, his master not knowing anything of the felony. Being asked as to the goods and chattels of the said John, the jurors say that he had none so far as they could learn, nor do they suspect anyone else of the death.

[1] The Waterbearers of London formed themselves into a Guild or Fraternity, the rules of which were registered or certified in the Court of the Commissary of London in October, 1496. See Paper by H. C. Coote on "The Ordinances of Some Secular Guilds of London 1354 to 1496." (Trans. London and Middlesex Archæol. Soc., Part XI. Part 1 of Vol. IV. pp. 4, 55–58.) See also Unwin's 'Guilds of London,' p. 108.

[2] So called from its being occupied by wine merchants from La Reole in Gascony.

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Precept to the Sheriffs to attach him as soon as he be found in their bailiwick.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

Walter Waldeshef, by John Amyz and Thomas atte Marche, "taillour."

Richard Dask, by Andrew de Gloucestre and Richard le Rous.

Stephen de Bertone, by Roger de Lenne and John de Boloigne.

Robert de Lenne, by "Compin" le Barber and Robert le Crockere.

14. *On the death of Stephen Flemyng.*

Bredstret

On Sunday after the Feast of St. Hillary [13 Jan.] a° 18 Edward II. [A.D. 1324–5], it happened that Stephen Flemyng lay killed in a certain house which William de Kent, "Mareschal,"[1] holds of Peter de Senecampe in the parish of St. Wereberga[2] in the Ward of Bredstret. On hearing this, the Coroner and Sheriffs proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Cordewanerstret, Farndone Within, and "Castriebaignard," they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors say that on the preceding Friday at dusk a quarrel arose between the said William de Kent and Margery, his wife, in a solar of the aforesaid house; on hearing which, the said Stephen, being moved to anger, drew his knife called a "bideu," and mounted the stair to kill the said William de Kent, his master; that, thereupon, the said William, seizing a staff called "fagatstaf," mortally struck the said Stephen on the left side of his head so that he went to bed and there had his ecclesiastical rights, and lingered until midnight. Being asked who were present when this happened, the jurors say the said William, Stephen and Margery and no one else. Being asked if the said Margery consented to the felony, they say she did not,

[1] Probably meaning farrier.

[2] Identical with the parish of St. John the Evangelist, the church being in Friday Street.—'Cal. of Wills, Court of Husting,' i. 34, 290, 596. Also Hust. Roll, 78 (21). *Cf. infra*, Roll. H. 33.

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nor do they suspect anyone except the said William. Being asked what became of him, they say that he immediately fled, but whither or who received him they know not. Being asked as to his goods and chattels, they say he has 100 horse-shoes without nails, and divers implements for work worth 5 shillings, for which Benedict de Folsham will answer. Precept to the Sheriffs to attach the said William as soon as he is found in their bailiwick.

The above Margery who found the body attached by Nicholas de Bentlee and John de Godestone.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

Adam de Fulsham, by William le Irissh and John de Pedertone.

John de Marisco, by Henry de Honylane and William Scot, "pelleter."

Hugh le Fruyter, by Ralph de Louthe and John Samon.

Nicholas le Chaundeler, by Stephen de Braye and Hugh de Herford.

15. *On the death of Walter le Taillour de Faveresham.*

Lymstret On Tuesday after the octave of St. Hillary [13 Jan.] a 18 Edward II. [A.D. 1324–5] it happened that a certain Walter le Taillour of Faveresham lay killed in the high street before the rent of the Prioress of St. Helen in the parish of St. Andrew upon Cornhull in the Ward of Lymstret. On hearing this, the Coroner and Sheriffs proceeded thither and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Bisshopesgate, Alegate and Cornhull, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors say that on the preceding Monday about mid-day, the aforesaid Walter and a certain John "Skut" de Caustone, late servant of John de Caustone, were quarrelling in a brew-house which the said John "Scut" held of the Prioress of St. Helen in the said parish, when the said John, moved with anger, pursued the said Walter with his drawn knife called "anelaz" up to the door of the house of Henry le Barber in the same parish and therewith feloniously struck him to the heart so that he forthwith died, nobody else being present. Being asked what became of the said John, they say that he fled into the church aforesaid,

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whence he escaped the same day but whither he went or who received him they know not, nor do they suspect any one else of the death except John Skut. Being asked who found the corpse, they say it was Amicia wife of Robert le Poleter, who raised the cry so that the country came. Being asked as to the goods and chattels of the said John Skut, they say that he has four geese worth 12 pence, a little pig worth 12 pence, wood to the value of 12 pence, a cock and a hen worth 4 pence, 100 flasks of beer worth 5 shillings, a box for dice,[1] worth 6 pence, a quarter of brewing barley worth 4 shillings. Total 12*s.* : 10*d.* for which John de Caustone, the Sheriff, will answer. The corpse viewed, on which this wound appeared and no other hurt. Precept to the Sheriff to attach the said John Skut as soon as he be found in their bailiwick.

The above Amicia who found the body, attached by Thomas de Baseville and Richard le Hayward.

Four neighbours attached, viz. :

Walter de Chelmeresford, by Walter le Sherman and John Hardi.

John de Hadham, by John atte Marche and John le Rede, "pottere."

William Shep, by Robert de Benstede, senior, and Henry le Taillour.

Adam de Rothinge, by John de Canterbury and Richard le Cordewaner.

16. *On the death of John Acke.*

Thursday after the Octave of St. Hillary [13 Jan.] a° 18 Edward II. [A.D. 1324–5], information given to John de Ileford, the Coroner, Benedict de Fulsham and John de Caustone, the Sheriffs, that a certain John Acke, servant of Master Wybert de Littletone, lay killed in a house held by the said John of Idonia de Totingge in the parish of St. Gregory in the Ward of Castle Baynard. On hearing this, the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz. : Farndone Within, Queenhithe and Bredstret, they diligently enquired how it happened. *Castle Baynard*

[1] *i truncum pro astra* [*galis ?*].

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The jurors say that on the preceding Wednesday, at dusk, the aforesaid John met Richard, the chamberlain of Sir Roger de Waltham, and John le Bakere, the said Roger's cook, in Athelyngestret,[1] in the parish of St. Benedict[2] in the Ward of Castle Baynard, and a quarrel having arisen between them, the said Richard struck the said John with his staff called "Gisarme"[3] on the middle of the neck, and the said John le Bakere struck the said John Acke with a knife on the chest and arm, inflicting three wounds which were not mortal; that thereupon they left the said John Acke there half dead, and fled into the hostel of the said Sir Roger, he being entirely ignorant of what had taken place; that the said John Acke was brought by his friends to the house aforesaid where he lay dead and there he had his ecclesiastical rights, and lingered until midnight. Being asked who were present when this happened, the jurors say No one but the three mentioned, nor do they suspect any one except the said Richard and John. Being asked of their goods and chattels, the jurors say that if they have any they are within the cloister of the said Sir Roger, but they (the jurors) have no knowledge of them. Precept to the Sheriffs to attach the said Richard and John as soon as found in their bailiwick.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

Henry de Somers', baker, by John de Derby and William le Haftere, junior.

John de Waledeme, by Thomas de Cornwaile and John le Barber.

John Meel, by Henry le Barbour and John de Broughtone.

William le Haftere, senior, by Adam de Bedeford and Henry de Bristoll.

17.—On Monday after the Octave of the Purification B.M. [2 Feb.] a° 18 Edward II. [A.D. 1324–5], a certain Henry Siward de Chippenham, co. [Wilts], fled into the church of St. Bride in the Ward of Farndone, and confessed before the aforesaid Coroner

[1] Addle Street; not to be confounded with Athelyngestret or Wathelyngstret (Watling Street).

[2] Otherwise St. Bennet Hithe by Paul's Wharf.

[3] See note *supra*, Roll B, 36.

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and Sheriffs that he was a thief, inasmuch as he and John de Redinge, Henry de Chestre, brother of William de Redinge, "pelleter" of Walebrok, John Laurenz, tailor, and Richard Larcher called "Dicoun," feloniously robbed a stranger in the High Street in the parish of Caversham, co. Wilts, on the preceding Thursday, of 20*s.*, of which the said Henry received 2*s.* as his share. He refused to surrender to the King's peace and asked to abjure the realm, which was granted on Monday before the Feast of SS. Perpetua and Felicitas [7 March]. He chose the port of Dover, from which four days were allowed to cross the sea, viz.: the first day to Shingledewell,[1] the second to Newentone, the third to Canterbury, and the fourth to Dover, thence to cross the sea at the first tide. Chattels none.

18.—Writ to produce before the King all appeals and indictments touching the death of John Catchegere lately killed in the house of Hugh de Gartone. Witness the King at the Tower of London, 15 March, a° 18 [Edward II. A.D. 1324–5].

19.—On Tuesday after the Feast of St. Matthias [24 Feb.] a° 18 Edward II. [A.D. 1324–5], a certain Robert Flemyng of the county of Surrey, fled into the church of St. Mary de Aldermanneburi, and on the following Thursday confessed before the said Coroner and Sheriffs that he was a King's felon, inasmuch as about the Feast of the Nativity of St. John Bapt. [24 June] a° 14 Edward II. [A.D. 1321], he had feloniously killed Roger Herne de Bokham,[2] co. Surrey, in the High Street between Bokham and Guldeford. He refused to surrender to the King's peace, and precept was issued to the men of the Ward of Bassieshawe to safeguard him until, &c. Afterwards, viz. on the following Tuesday, he escaped. His chattels consist of a red[3] hakeney worth 40 pence, for which Benedict de Folsham will answer.

[1] Singlewell, near Southfleet.
[2] Bookham.
[3] Probably a red or strawberry roan.

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20. *On the death of John de Hamertone.*

Farndon Monday after mid-Lent a° 18 Edward II. [A.D., 1325], a certain John de Hamertone lay dead in the church of St. Peter de Wodestret in the Ward of Farndone. On hearing this the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the four nearest Wards, viz.: Cordewanerstret, Chepe, Crupulgate and Bredstret, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors say that on the preceding Sunday at the hour of Compline a certain William de "Wydyngtone" de Westwall and Robert, son of Walter de Glouc [estre], Knt. and the above John de Hamertone were quarrelling together in Chepe at the Broken Seld[1] (*atte seldam fractam*) and fought with knives and other weapons so that the said William struck the said John in the belly, through the middle of the body, with his knife called "Irisshknyf," mortally wounding him, and the said Robert struck the said John on the head and left arm with a weapon called a "misericorde" inflicting two mortal wounds; that the said John so wounded fled to the church aforesaid, and, sounding the bells, died. Being asked who were present when this happened, the jurors say there was a multitude of people whose names they knew not. Being asked what became of the said William and Robert, the jurors say that the said Robert was taken by Benedict de Folsham and was committed to Neugate and that the said William forthwith fled, but whither he went or who received him, they know not. Touching the goods and chattels of the said William, he had none so far as they could learn. Being asked who first found the corpse, the jurors say it was William the sub-clerk of the church of St. Peter aforesaid and he raised the cry so that the country came, and was attached by Ralph le Flynt and Richard Skonbergh. Precept to the Sheriffs to safeguard the said Robert, &c., and to attach the said William de "Whitingtone" when found in their bailiwick.

[1] A tavern of that name, situate in the parish of St. Mary-le-Bow, is recorded under the year 1348. Husting Roll, 75 (18) (19) (23).

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Four neighbours attached, viz.:

Luke de Grendone, by John de Chaumpaigne and Richard atte Gate.

Thomas de Westminster, by Thomas de Lincoll and Richard de Alesbery.

John de Shordich, by John de Wyntonia and Thomas de Murifeld.

William de Budelee, by William le Chaundeler and Simon Meel.

21.—On Tuesday after mid-Lent a° 18 Edward II. [A.D. 1325], *Mar' R'* John, son of William le Spicer of Notyngham, attached by appeal of Robert de Leyc[estre], approver, died in the prison of the Marshalsea of the King's Bench his rightful death. The corpse viewed, &c.

22. *Robert le Bakere, cook.*

Thursday after mid-lent a° 18 Edward II. [A.D. 1325], a *Abjur'* certain Robert le Bakere, cook, son of Robert le Maltmongere of Norhamtone, fled into the church of St. Mary de Wolcherch and confessed before the Coroner and Sheriffs that he was a thief, inasmuch as on that day, together with a certain William le Fisshere, of London, he had robbed a certain Robert le Say de Dadintone,[1] of 31 pence, of which the said Robert received 18 pence for his share. On the following Friday he abjured the realm choosing the port of Dover whence to cross the sea in four days, viz.: the first to Derteford, the second to Newentone, the third to Canterbury, and the fourth to Dover. Chattels none.

23. *On the death of John Fuatard.*

On Tuesday, after the Feast of Annunciation, B.M. [25 March] *Aldresgate* a° 18 Edward II. [A.D. 1325], it happened that a certain John Fuatard lay killed in the garden of the Priory Church of St. Bartholomew, in the parish of St. "Butulph" in the Ward of Aldresgate. On hearing this, the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs proceeded thither, and having summoned good men

[1] Deddington, co. Oxon.?

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of that Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Farndone, Crupulgate, and Castle Baynard, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors say that on the preceding night, the said Fuatard and Isabella [ ] his mistress, stealthily entered at midnight the aforesaid garden over a wall of earth, and entered the close of Richard de Rothinge, carpenter, in the said Ward, and feloniously broke into his house and stole divers goods, viz.: an axe, a "twybil," a blanket, two sheets, and a basket with its contents, and threw them over the wall; that Thomas de St. Alban, a servant of the said Richard, perceiving this, rose from his bed and followed them with a cry, and when the said John and Isabella saw him coming, the said Isabella fled, whilst the said John and Thomas fought together for some time, the former refusing to surrender himself alive; that at length, the said Thomas finding the "twybil" at his feet seized it and therewith struck the said John on the head and throat inflicting five mortal wounds of which he immediately died; that the said Thomas raised the cry and remained on the spot until the Coroner arrived, when he surrendered to the King's peace and was committed to prison by Benedict de Folsham, the Sheriff. The said Isabella fled as far as Mogwellestret,[1] where she was captured by the same Sheriff and committed to Neugate.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

Richard de Rothinge, carpenter, by Geoffrey de Hestone and William de Bedeford.

William de Shordich, by Thomas de Bernham and John Spray.

Master Walter le Mazoun, by Ralph Gy and Peter de Hungrie.

Robert Burdeyn, by Peter le Brewere and John de London.

24. *On the death of Walter de Benigtone, tailor.*

Bridge On Wednesday after the Feast of Annunciation, B.M. [25 March], a° 18 Edward II. [A.D. 1325], information given

[1] Monkwell Street.

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to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that a certain Walter de Benigtone lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in the house held by Walter de Mordone of Geoffrey de Wade, in the parish of St. Michael[1] in the Ward of Bridge. On hearing this, they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Douegate, Candelwykstret and Billingesgate, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors say that when on the preceding Sunday at the hour of Compline the said Walter de Benygtone, with seventeen companions, unknown, had come to the brewhouse of Gilbert de Mordone, "stokfissmongere," in the Ward of Bridge with stones in their hoods, swords, knives and other weapons, and were there sitting and drinking four gallons of beer, lying in wait to seize and carry off Emma, daughter of the late Robert Pourte then under the charge of the said Gilbert; that perceiving this, Mabel, the wife of Gilbert de Mordone, and Geoffrey, the brewer of the said Gilbert, prayed the said Walter and his associates to depart thence, but they replied that they would stay there, whether wanted or not, to spend their money, as the house was public (*mercatoria*); whereupon the said Mabel seeing their folly returned to her chamber taking the said Emma with her; that the said Walter and his associates being on that account moved with anger assaulted the said Geoffrey and Robert de Mordone and other inmates of the house and struck the said Robert on the head with stones, so that he raised the cry and fled into the High Street, and the said Walter with a knife in one hand and a "misericorde" in the other followed him to kill him. Thereupon, Benedict de Warde and other neighbours came up to pacify them, when the said Walter assaulted the said Benedict with the aforesaid weapons, and refused to surrender to the King's peace, and the said Benedict seizing a "balstaf" from a stranger, therewith struck the said Walter on the top of his head so that he fell to the ground at the entrance of the lane (*venelle*) of Gilbert de Mordone in the parish aforesaid, and was thence carried by Walter de Arderne and Christina

[1] St. Michael, Crooked Lane.

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his wife into the lane of St. Michael aforesaid, where they laid him on the pavement near the fountain[1] where he lay the whole of the following night, and on the morrow he was carried half dead by them into the house of Geoffrey de Warde, where he immediately died. Being asked who were present when this happened, the jurors say there were Geoffrey le Brewere, Robert de Mordon and the said Walter and Benedict, and a number of others whose names they know not. Being asked what became of the said Benedict, the jurors say that he forthwith fled, but whither they know not, nor who received him, nor do they suspect anyone else. Chattels none. Precept to the Sheriffs to attach the said Benedict when, &c.

The above Cristina who discovered the body and raised the cry so that the country came, attached by Thomas Crulling and Roger le Frie.

Four neighbours attached, viz. :

Richard Gubbe, by Peter de Ward and Philip Lucas.

Roger Sterre, by Richard de Kent and William atte Crouch.

Walter de Mordone, by Michael le Bret and Richard de Denemowe.

John Gubbe, by John Lucas and John de Braughwynge.

25. *On the death of Thomas, son of Richard de Hodesdone.*

Walebroke On Wednesday after Palm Sunday [31 March] the year aforesaid [A.D. 1325], information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that a certain Thomas, son of Richard de Hodesdone, lay killed in a certain house held by Stephen de Hodesdone of William Lenfaunt, in the parish of St. Swithun in the Ward of Walebroke. On hearing this, they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz. : Chepe, Langebourne, and Candelwykstret, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors say that on the Sunday preceding Palm Sunday, the said Thomas and a certain William Brid de Hodesdone

[1] Stow mentions that part of St. Michael, Crooked Lane, "up to a well there," was in Bridge Ward, the rest and greater part of the lane being in Candelwick Street Ward—'Survey' (ed. Kingsford), i. 216, 219.

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co. Herts, were quarrelling at Hodesdone, when the said William struck the said Thomas on the top of the head with a weapon called a "panade," inflicting a mortal wound 4½ inches long and penetrating the brain; that the said Thomas was taken by his friends to London for medical treatment and there he had his ecclesiastical rights and lingered until the following Tuesday when he died at nightfall of the wound aforesaid. Being asked who were present when this happened, the jurors say that there were those two and no others so far as they could learn. Being asked what became of the said William, the jurors say that he fled, but whither they know not, &c. Chattels none. Precept to Sheriffs, &c.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

John de Hakeney, by John Scot and Ivo le Coupere.

James de Wyntertone, by William de Birtone and Simon de Kedebroke.

Hamo le Fisshmongere, by Warin Mynge and William le Rede.

Walter le Hore, by Robert atte Folde and William de Canefeld.

26. *On the death of Alice de Deveneshire.*

Farndone

On Wednesday before Palm Sunday [31 March] a° 18 Edward II. [A.D. 1325], information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that a certain Alice de Deveneshire lay killed in the house of John Leshog which Ralph de Donstaple, cobbler, of co. Beds held in the parish of St. Andrew in the Ward of Farndone Without. On hearing this, they proceeded thither and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Castle Baynard, Aldresgate and Bredstret, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors say that on Sunday in mid-Lent, a quarrel arose between the said Ralph and Alice, at dusk, so that the said Ralph struck the said Alice with his right hand under the left ear whereof she immediately died. Thereupon the said Ralph immediately fled but whither they know not, &c. Being asked who were present, the jurors say those two and no others. Chattels none. Being asked who first found the corpse, the jurors say John le Oystermongere who raised the cry so that the country came. Precept to Sheriffs, &c.

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The above John le Oystermongere attached by John le Flaundene and James le Clerk.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

Robert le Goldsmyth, by Robert de Sordiche and Robert le Hynde.

Peter de Neuport, by John le Graunt and Robert le Chaundeler.

John Adam, by John de Podintone and Reginald le Clerk.

John de Braytone, by William Seman and William le Smyth.

27. *On the death of Gilbert de Aldenham.*

Farndone On Monday in Easter Week, a° 18 Edward II. [A.D. 1325], it happened that a certain Gilbert de Aldenham lay dead of a death other than his rightful death, in a certain solar in the rent of William de Caustone, in the parish of St. Vedast, in the Ward of Farndone Within. On hearing this, the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Crepulgate, Aldresgate and Bredstret, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors say that on Sunday before the Feast of the Annunciation B.M. [25 March] last passed at the hour of Vespers, the said Gilbert and certain companions came to the house of William Wynter in Holebourne to arrest Thomas de Aldenham, and search divers chambers in the said house without the consent of the said William; that thereupon a quarrel arose, and the said William struck the said Gilbert on the right side of the head with a weapon called a "fauchon," inflicting a wound three inches long and reaching to the brain.

For further information the enquiry was adjourned until the following Sunday, the Sheriffs being ordered to summon a similar jury of the neighbourhood of Holbourne where the felony was committed.[1] On that day the jurors say that on the aforesaid Sunday before the Feast of Annunciation, the aforesaid Gilbert,

[1] At the *Iter* held at the Tower in 1244 the Chamberlain (*i.e.* the Coroner) and Sheriffs were blamed for having held an inquest, two years before, in the place where the corpse was found and not in the place where the deceased was wounded.—*Liber Albus*, i. 106.

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William le Perler, Richard Bokeskyn, and Richard de Arderne, tailor, came to the house of William Wynter in Holebourne and quarrelled with him so that the said Gilbert de Aldenham threw the said William Wynter to the ground; that seeing this the aforesaid Richard "Bukkeskyn," servant of Richard "Bukkeskyn," drew a "misericorde," and whilst trying to strike the said William struck the said Gilbert on the head inflicting a mortal wound three inches long and reaching to the brain; that the said Gilbert, so wounded, returned to the house where he lay dead, and there lingered until Easter, having had his ecclesiastical rights. Being asked who were present when it happened, the jurors say that there were the aforesaid William, Gilbert, William, Richard, and Richard, and no others, nor do they suspect any one except the said Richard. Being asked what became of the said William and Richard Bukkeskyn, the jurors say that the said William Wynter was taken by Benedict de Folsham and committed to Neugate, but the said Richard fled, whither they know not. Chattels none. Precept to the Sheriffs, to safeguard the said William, &c.

Those who were present attached, viz.:

William le Perler, by Richard le Perler and John Sellingge.

Richard de Arderne, by Thomas Coterel and Simon de Baseville.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

William Pikerel, by John Pikerel and John de Canterbury, "seller."[1]

Henry Broun, by Warin Broun and John de Lyntone.

John de Gadesdene, by Richard Snelling and Roger le Coupere.

Henry de Bricford, by Richard Stonhard and John Campanar.

28. *On the death of Thomas de Kirkeby.*

On Monday before the Feast of St. George [23 April] a° 18 Edward II. [A.D. 1325], it happened that a certain Thomas de Kyrkeby, "draper," lay killed in the house which he held in the *Douegate*

[1] Saddler.

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parish of All Hallows on the Cellars,[1] in the Ward of Douuegate. On hearing this, the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Candelwykstrete, Bridge, and Walebroke, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors say that on the preceding Sunday, at the hour of Vespers, the said Thomas de Kirkeby and a certain Joyce de Spaldinge were quarrelling in the aforesaid church [*sic*], when the said Thomas drove the said Joyce therefrom up to the stone wall of Ydonia de Leyre, striking him with his fist on the face and drawing his knife; that thereupon the said Joyce drew his knife called an "Anlaz"[2] and fatally struck the said Thomas therewith on the left side of the breast, inflicting a mortal wound an inch long and eight inches deep; that the said Thomas with drawn knife pursued the said Joyce to kill him, as far as the street of "la Roperie," and was thence carried by his friends to the place where he was found dead, and where he lingered without speaking until nearly sunset. Being asked who were present when this happened, the jurors say there were Robert, the Rector of the Church of All Hallows the Less (*omnium Sanctorum Minorum*), and Richard, Clerk of the said Church, and no others, nor do they suspect anyone except the said Joyce. Being asked what became of him, they say that he surrendered to Thomas de Kent, Serjeant to the Mayor, and was afterwards committed to prison by John de Caustone, the Sheriff. Being asked who found his corpse they say a certain John de Derby who raised the cry so that the country came.

The above John de Derby attached by Richard de Derby and Andrew le Soutere.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

John de Westone, by John de Northburgh and John de Wyggetone.

Adam le Strynan, by Richard de Combe and Richard de Wyndlesworth.

Richard Andreu, by Ralph de Wendlesworth and Henry de Prestone.

[1] All Hallows the Less.

[2] Anelace.

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William de Combe, by Bartholomew Dewemars and John Gernoun.

Those present attached, viz. :

Rober, the Rector of the Church of All Hallows the less (*Omnium Sanctorum parvi*), by Richard le Strinan and Thomas le Taillour.

Richard, the Clerk of the said church, by Richard de Louthe and Thomas de Combe.

29.—Thomas de Cobeham, "wodemonger," who had been attached at the suit of Walter Neel for an account rendered, died in Neugate his rightful death in the week of Pentecost the year aforesaid. The corpse viewed on which no hurt appeared. *Neugate*

30.—John de Rothinge attached by Statute at the suit of Adam in the Lane and William de Stanford, executors of Gilbert le Mareschal, died in Neugate his rightful death on Friday after the Feast of the Ascension [17 May]. The corpse viewed, &c. *Neugate*

31.—Richard de Hoddesdone of Northmymmes [co. Herts] attached at the suit of Clarice de Burtone for a robbery against her at "Henefeld Wode" and at the suit of William de Fekenham, servant of John de Burtone, for a robbery at "Enefeld Wode" died in Neugate his rightful death on Wednesday after the Feast of St. Barnabas [11 June] the year aforesaid. The corpse viewed, &c. *Neugate*

32.—Adam de Kereseye attached at the suit of Richard de Arderne for a robbery committed at Basteldene[1] of goods and chattels of James de Kereseye his master, died in the same prison on Monday the Feast of the Nativity of St. John [24 June] the year aforesaid. The corpse viewed, &c. *Neugate*

33. *On the death of Nicholas atte Mulle.*

On Tuesday after the Feast of H. Trinity [2 June] a° 18 Edward II. [A.D. 1325], it happened that a certain Nicholas atte Mulle, *Farndone*

[1] Basildon, co. Berks. ?

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gate-keeper of the prison of Neugate, lay killed in the High Street in the Ward of Farndone Within. On hearing this, the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Castle Baynard, Aldresgate and Bredstret, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors say that on the said Tuesday, about mid-day, Adam de Cheddesleye called "de Cliderowe" co. Lanc., John Burel, Henry de Mebourne and Robert de Selverestone broke the prison of Neugate, and the aforesaid Adam feloniously killed the said Nicholas with a knife called a "bideu" with the connivance and assistance of his companions. They also say that Alice de "Ellefeld," sister of the Dean of St. Martin le Grand, and Alice wife of Roger le Barber of Croydon, also connived at the felony and supplied the said Adam and John Burel with two knives to carry it out. Being asked who were present when this happened, the jurors say No one except the four felons. Being asked what became of the felons, they say that they fled into the church of the Friars Minors,[1] where they confessed their guilt to the Coroner and Sheriffs but they refused to surrender themselves to the King's peace; that the aforesaid Alice de "Elleford," and Alice wife of Roger le Barber, fled, but whither, the jurors know not, &c. Chattels none. Being asked who first found the corpse, the jurors say a certain Alice la "Turnure" who raised the cry so that the country came. Being asked who were present when the felony was committed, the jurors say there were the aforesaid four felons and a certain William Prest who followed them with a cry as far as the said church. Being asked if the said William Prest or the aforesaid Alice la "Tournure" connived at the felony or not, the jurors say Not, nor do they suspect anyone else. Precept to the Sheriffs to attach those in sanctuary when they come out. On Thursday before the Feast of Nativity of St. John Bapt. [24 June] the felons made their escape.

The above Alice la Tournure attached by Bernard le Bedel and Thomas de Baseville.

William Prest attached by Richard Rolf and Thomas de Bernham.

[1] White Friars or Carmelites.

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Four neighbours attached, viz. :

Roger Hosebonde, by William le Clerk and Thomas de Derleye.

Walter atte Bellehous, by William le Kyng and Robert de Langeleye.

Robert de Manefeld, by Simon atte Feld and Simon le Mareschal.

John le Cotiller, by Robert in the "Lenes" and John le Heymonger.

34. *On the death of Henry le Barbier.*

Farndone Without

Saturday before the Feast of Nativity St. John Bapt. [24 June] a° 18 Edward II. [A.D. 1325], information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that a certain Henry le Barbier lay drowned by the bank of the Thames before the bank of the Flete in the parish of St. Bride in the Ward of Farndone without. On hearing this, they proceeded thither and having summoned good men of the said Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz. : Queenhithe, Bredstret and Castle Baynard, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors say that when on the preceding Tuesday the said Henry and a certain Richard de Lenham, "pourtour," were sailing in a boat up the Thames towards "Chelchuch"[1] and had laden the boat with grass and, on their return, had arrived by night at "la Neyte,"[2] the said Henry by accident fell into the water and was drowned. Being asked who were present the jurors say No one except the said Henry and Richard, nor do they suspect any one, but only accident. Being asked who discovered the corpse, they say Thomas Proudfot who raised the cry.

[1] Chelsea; more frequently spelt "Chelchehuth," or "Chelchehethe." —'Cal. of Wills, Court of Husting,' i. 199, 249, 250. 'Cal. Letter-Book D,' p. 124; 'Liber Custumarum' (Rolls Series), i. 288, ii. 710; where the editor conjectures it to be synonymous with "Chalkhythe," and as deriving its name from chalk having been landed at Chelsea for agricultural purposes. But as to this, see Loftie's 'Hist. of London,' ii. 261 n. Later on we find the name William de "Chelse."—*Infra* Roll E, 16.

[2] A manor comprising all the land south and west of the Serpentine, most of Kensington Gardens and the south side of Kensington Road into High Street.—Loftie's 'Hist. of London,' ii. 38.

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William de Lenham who was present [*sic*] attached by John de Derby and William de Talworh.

The above Thomas Proudfot attached by William le Haftere and Roger de Stondone.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

William Deveneys, by Richard le Armourer and Thomas Cully.

Ralph le Cotelier, by Stephen Sterlyng and Robert le Flecher.

Walter atte Sloo, by Richard de Houndeslowe and Thomas de Norht' [Norhampton].

Reginald de Thorpe, by Walter le Blake and Thomas de la Wayvre.

35. *Abjuration of William, son of William le Tolliere de Manneby, and Roger le Leche.*

Bassieşsh' On Thursday after the Feast of Nativity of St. John Bapt. [24 June] a° 18 Edward II. [A.D. 1325], a certain William, son of William le Tollere de Manneby of co. York [1] and Roger le Leche son of Roger le Walshe of Welyngtone "undir Wrekene" in Wales [2] fled into the church of St. Michael in the Ward of Bassieshaw, and then and there acknowledged themselves before the Coroner and Sheriffs to be felons of the lord the King inasmuch as about Christmas time a° 16 Edward II. [A.D. 1322] they had feloniously killed a certain William of York. They refused to surrender to the King's peace, and asked to abjure the realm, and they did abjure it the next day. To the said William was assigned the port of Dover whence to cross the sea at the first tide; to the said Roger was assigned the port of Harwich to cross the sea in three days, viz.: the first to Brendwode, the second to * * *, the third to Harwich. Their chattels consisted of a tunic and hood worth 16 pence, a sword and two knives worth 4 pence. Total 20 pence, for which Benedict de Fulsham, the Sheriff, will answer.

36. *On the death of John Burel of Langele.*

Neugate On Wednesday after the Feast of Translation of St. Thomas the Martyr [7 July] a° 19 Edward II. [A.D. 1325] a certain John Burel

[1] Manby, co. Linc. ? [2] Wellington, near The "Wrekin," co. Salop.

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of Langele died in the prison of Neugate in his penitence (*in penitentia sua*).[1]

37. *On the death of Henry de Mebourne*

Neugate On Friday after the Feast of Translation of St. Thomas the Martyr [7 July] the year aforesaid a certain Henry de Mebourne died in the aforesaid prison in his penitence.

38. *On the death of Peter le Clerk.*

Bredstret On Tuesday before the Feast of St. Margeret [20 July] a° 19 Edward II. [A.D. 1325] information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that a certain Peter le Clerk, baker, lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in a certain house held by him of Richard de Beteneye in the parish of St. Mildred in the Ward of Bredstret. On hearing this, they proceeded thither and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Queenhithe, Vintry and Cordewanerstrete, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors say that on the aforesaid Tuesday about the hour of Vespers the said Peter and a certain Walter de Doustrete, baker, were quarrelling at the top of the lane called "Kyynghtriderestret" [*sic*] in the parish of Holy Trinity the less in the Ward of Cordewanerstret, when the said Walter feloniously struck the said Peter to the heart with his knife called "Hirissheknyf," so that he there and then died; that the said Walter immediately fled into the said church of Holy Trinity in the Ward of Queenhithe, and there confessed his felony to the Coroner and Sheriffs, and refused to surrender to the King's peace. Being asked who were present when this happened, the jurors say No one except a certain William de Welleford, John Broud, "portour," Katherine Robynhod and Richard le Myne who came up and conveyed the body of the said Peter to the house aforesaid, and Cecilia wife of the said Peter who discovered the corpse and raised the cry, so that the country came. Chattels none. The said Walter, whom alone they suspect as the cause of

[1] Possibly meaning that he had his ecclesiastical rights.

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the death, abjured the realm on Monday before the Feast of St. Bartholomew [24 Aug.] the same year, the port of Suthampton being assigned to him in four days, viz.: the first to Kyngestone, the second to Gildeford, the third to Aultone[1] and the fourth to Suthamptone, thence to cross the sea at first tide under penalty.

The above Cecilia, who found the body, attached by Richard de Lincoll' and John Cosyn.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

Thomas de Enefeld, by Alexander de Betoyne and Thomas de Herwold.

William de Bydick, by Robert le Chaucer and Hugh Parceval.

Robert le Callere, by John le Braye and John le Callere.

John de Lincoll', by Reymund de Lincoll' and Walter Turk.

The movers of the dead body before the Coroner's view attached, viz.:

William de Welleford, by William de Stratford and Hamo le Mareschal.

John Broud, "portour," by Hugh de Hereford and Richard Sket.

Katherine Robynhod, by Richard le Dawere and Henry Halibroun.

Richard le Myne, by Humfrey de Bamptone and Thomas atte Ram.

39. *On the death of John de Broughtone.*

Neugate John de Broughtone, clerk, attached for 5 marks adjudged to Roger Haberd in a plea of trespass died in prison his rightful death on Saturday after the Feast of St. Peter *Ad vincula* [1 Aug.] a° 19 Edward II. [A.D. 1325].

The corpse viewed, &c.

Neugate 40.—Geoffrey Badecok, approver (*probator*) died in the prison of Neugate his rightful death on Tuesday before the Feast of St. Laurence [10 Aug.] the year aforesaid. His corpse viewed, &c.

[1] Alton, co. Hants.

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41. *On the death of Thomas le Pountager'.*

On Saturday the Feast of St. Laurence [10 Aug.] the year aforesaid, it happened that a certain Thomas, son of John le Pountager', lay drowned in the water of the Thames before the wharf of Richard Dorkinge in the parish of St. Martin, in the Ward of Vintry. On hearing this, the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Queenhithe, Cordewanerestret and Douegate, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors say that when on the preceding Friday, at dusk, the said Thomas had placed himself on the quay of Edward le Blount to bathe in the Thames, he was accidentally drowned, no one being present; that he remained in the water until Saturday, when at the third hour John Fleg a boatman discovered his corpse and raised the cry so that the country came. The corpse viewed on which no wound or bruise appeared. *Vintry*

The above John Fleg, the finder of the body, attached by Robert de Lenne and Robert de Tauntone.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

John Hardel, by Richard de Pelham and Copin le Barber.

Geoffrey Beauflour, by John Snow and John Crissingham.

Henry de Gisors, by Andrew le Boteler and Thomas le Taillour.

James Beauflour, by Richard de Hereford and Richard de Reygate.

42. *On the death of Robert* [*Page*], *Palfreyman.*

On Monday after the Feast of St. Laurence [10 Aug.] the same year [A.D. 1325], information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that a certain Robert Palfreyman of the Dean of St. Paul's lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in a solar within the hostel of the said Dean in the parish of St. Gregory in the Ward of Castle Baynard. On hearing this, they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Queenhithe, Farndone and Bredstret, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors say that when, *Castle Baynard*

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on the preceding Friday, William Page, cook to Sir John de Everdone, Dean of St. Paul's, and the aforesaid Robert Page, palfreyman, William Deveneys, Robert le Cartere, Geoffrey le Clerk, John Harneys and William de Bolingtone, servants of the said Dean were in the fields of Stebenhuth[1] co. Middlesex guarding the Dean's crops at night, the said Robert [William ?] Page, the cook, accidentally shot the said Robert Page, the palfreyman, with an arrow in his left side, and the said Roger (*sic*) so wounded returned to his master's house, and there lingered until the Monday aforesaid when he had his ecclesiastical rights, and died at the hour of Prime of the aforesaid wound. Being asked what became of Robert [William ?] Page, the cook, the jurors say that he immediately fled, but whither they know not, &c. Chattels none. Precept to Sheriffs, &c.

Those who were present, attached, viz.:

Robert le Cartere, by Walter le Chaundeler and Richard Senglaunt.

William Deveneys, by Thomas atte Crouche and Richard Sperling.

Geoffrey le Clerk, by Thomas Moyne and Thomas le Harpour.

William de Bolyntone, by Eustace le Barber and Richard le Ropere.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

Albin le Bowyere, by William le Hafter junior, and Thomas de Cornwaille.

Henry le Bakere, by Adam de Bedeford and John de Broughtone.

John de Waledene, by Roger de Staundone and John Hood.

Richard Larblaster, by William de Talworth and Thomas Agget.

43. *On the death of Robert de Boklonde.*

Neugate

On Tuesday before the Feast of Nativity B.M. [8 Sept.] a° 19 Edward II. [A.D. 1325], Robert de Boklonde who was detained in Neugate prison for counterfeiting the king's letters

[1] Stepney was the most extensive of all the manors appertaining to the Bishopric of London, comprising, as it did, at least seven different modern parishes.—Loftie, 'Hist. of London,' ii. 8, 148–9.

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found upon him, died there his rightful death. The corpse viewed, &c.

44. *On the death of Nicholas Crabbe.*

On Monday after the Feast of Nativity B. M. [8 Sept.] the same year [A.D. 1325], it happened that Nicholas Crabbe of Flanders lay killed on the wharf called "le Wullewarf"[1] in the parish of All Hallows de Berkyngechurch in Tower Ward. On hearing this, the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Billingygesgate, Langburne and Alegate, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors say that on the preceding Sunday, after the hour of Vespers, the said Nicholas and a certain John "Paling" of Flanders were quarrelling on the aforesaid wharf, when the said Nicholas drew his knife called "anelaz" and therewith wounded the said John four times on the throat and neck and pursued him with intent to kill him as far as the water of the Thames; that at length the said John drew his knife called "trenchour," and therewith struck the said Nicholas under the left breast to the heart so that he immediately died. Thereupon the said John fled into the church aforesaid, and there confessed his felony before the Coroner and Sheriffs, and refused to surrender himself to the king's peace. Being asked who were present when this happened, the jurors say there were John le Waterberere and John Whitheved who raised the cry so that the country came. Being asked of the goods and chattels of the said John and Nicholas, they say that the said Nicholas had none, so far as they could learn, and that the said John had a sur-coat and a shirt valued by them at 6 pence, for which John de Caustone will answer. Precept to the Sheriffs to take the said John as soon as he be found out of sanctuary. *Tower*

[1] The "tronage," or weighing of wool, which took place in the parish of St. Mary Woolchurch, was removed in the fourteenth century to a house set up for the purpose by John Churchman, sometime Sheriff, on Wool Wharf.—Stow, 'Survey' (ed. Kingsford), i. 108, 135–6, 226.

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Those who were present attached, viz. :

John le "Waterbeyrere," by Alexander Pike and John Barlingham.

John "Whytheved," by Thomas de Osprenge, "cordewaner," and Andrew le Criour

Four neighbours attached, viz. :

Walter le Mulleward, by Alan le Palmere and John Picard.

Godwin Turk, by Robert le Skynnere and Thomas de Combe, "cordewaner."

John de Aysshefford, by Henry le Freynsshe and Philip le Wolberrere.

Adam Hunteman, by Ivo de Shaldeford and Daniel le Skynnere.

Afterwards, viz., on Wednesday before the Feast of St. Matthew [21 Sept.] the year aforesaid, the above John "Pallynge" died in the said church of his wounds and of no other felony.

Farndone

45.—Inquest taken before John de Ileford, the Coroner, and John de Caustone and Benedict de Fulsham, the Sheriffs, to enquire on the oath of good and lawful men of the Wards of Farndone, Castle Baynard, Bredstret and Aldrichesgate, what malefactors broke the King's prison of Neugate, and other particulars. The jurors say that on Saturday the eve of the Nativity of B.M. [8 Sept.] a° 19 Edward II. [A.D. 1325], about midnight, Adam Nouneman of Hoklive,[1] co. Beds, John Gommere, Robert de "Molseleye," John de Elme, Alan Mariot and John de Parys, approvers, Stephen de Keleseye, William le Soutere, Walter, son of Beatrice Gomme, and John de Bedewynde feloniously broke prison and escaped through a hole in the western wall; that of these, the said John Gommere, Robert de "Molseye," John de Elme, Alan Mariot and John de Paris were recently captured by the warders of the prison and neighbours and brought back to prison; that Adam Nouneman, William le Soutere, Walter, son of Beatrice Gomme, and John de Bedewynde fled into the church of St. Sepulchre in the Ward of Farndone, and Stephen de Keleseye into the church of St. Bride in Fletstret. They further say, that William Broun of Ireland, Richard de Leycestre, William de Codenorde and Adam Waleys, approvers, Simon Herlewyn

[1] Hockliffe.

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Nicholas le Fremason, John May, Thomas de Chacombe and John Vintsoutz abetted the felony. Being asked as to the goods and chattels of the aforesaid Adam Nouneman, Stephen de Keleseye, William le Soutere, Walter, son of Beatrice Gomme, and John de Bedewynde, the jurors say that they had none so far as they could learn.

The above Nouneman and John de Bedewynde confessed their felony before the Coroner and John de Caustone and asked to abjure the realm, which they did on Monday after the Feast of Nativity B.M. aforesaid, the port of Dover being given to the said Adam, in four days, viz.: the first to Dertford, the second to Newentone, the third to Canterbury and the fourth to Dover, thence to cross the sea at the first tide; and the port of Suthampton being given to the said John in four days, viz.: the first to Coveham,[1] the second to Farnham, the third to Aleresford, and the fourth to Suthampton thence to cross the sea at the first tide.

On Saturday the Feast of Exaltation of H. Cross [14 Sept.], the aforesaid William le Soutere son of William le Lede of co. York, and Walter, son of Beatrice Gomme, acknowledged their felony, and asked to abjure the realm, which they did the same day, the port of Dover being assigned to the said William in three days, viz.: the first to Shingledewell, the second to Osprenge and the third to Dover, thence to cross the sea at the first tide, and the port of Suthampton being assigned to the said Walter in four days, viz.: the first to Coveham, the second to Farnham, the third to Winchester and the fourth to Suthampton, thence to cross the sea at the first tide, &c.

[1] Cobham, co. Surrey.

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ROLL E.

Roll of the Crown temp. Gilbert de Mordone and John de Cotone, Sheriffs of London, a° 19 Edward II. [*A.D.* 1325–6], *John de Shirbourne being Coroner under Benedict de "Fulsham," the Butler of the lord the King.*

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1. *On the death of John atte Vise, saddler.*

On Friday after the Feast of St. Martin [11 Nov] a° 19 Edward II. [A.D. 1325], information given to Benedict de "Folsham," the Coroner of London, Gilbert de Mordone and John de Cotone, the Sheriffs of the City, that John atte Vyse, "sadeler," lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in the house which he held of Johanna de Wokyndon in Goderomlane [1] in the parish of [St. Vedast] in the Ward of Farndone Within. On hearing this, they proceeded thither and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Aldresgate, Bredstrete and Chepe, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors —viz.: Luke de Grandon, William de Synyngham, Nicholas de Harwe, Edmund le Keu, Simon atte Crouche, Thomas Poyntel Richard le Brewere, John atte Berne, William de Aldenham, Adam de Canterbury, Geoffrey le Goldbetere and Richard de Oxon' of the Ward of Farndone Within; John Roger, Robert de Lenne "Fuister," Thomas Friday, Roger de Woxebrugge, Richard de Bernham, John atte Pirie and John Pentyn of the Ward of Aldresgate; Alexander de Honilane, William Broun, Walter de

[1] Called "Gutherunslane" by Stow. Now Gutter Lane.

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Scardeburgh, John de Syllyngham, Richard de Wylghby, and William de Weldone "taillour," of the Ward of Bredstrete; Osbert atte Bouwe, Robert de Skeltone, John de la Sale, Nicholas de Reigate, Adam de Arcubus, "sherman," and John atte Bowe, "sherman" of the Ward of Chepe—say that a certain John de Wynestone, Thomas de Walpol, Martin de Aumbresbury, William de Grenstede, Thomas le Waryner, John le Joignour, William Shonk, Simon Lightfot, Richard de Aumbresbury, James de Shordiche, John Galle and John Baudechon, goldsmith, on Sunday the eve of St. Martin aforesaid, shortly after the hour of curfew, were walking in the High Street of Chepe, lying in wait for men of the mistery of Saddlers in order to beat them, on account of a quarrel that had arisen between men of the mistery of Goldsmiths and that of Saddlers; that meeting the aforesaid John atte Vyse opposite the stone cross[1] in Chepe the said John de Wynestone, Thomas de Walpol and Martin de Aumbresbure assaulted him, the said John de Wynestone striking him with a sword on the left side of the head, inflicting a mortal wound seven inches long and three inches deep, and the said Thomas Walpol striking him with an "ax" and nearly severing his leg, whilst the aforesaid Martin belaboured him with a staff when lying on the pavement. They further say that the aforesaid William de Grenstede, Thomas le Waryner, John le Joignour, William Shonk, Simon Lyghtfot, Richard de Aumbresbury, James de Shordiche, John Galle and John Baudechon aided and abetted the felony; that the said John atte Vyse thus beaten and wounded lay there groaning until carried by his friends to the house aforesaid, where he had his ecclesiastical rights and where he lingered until the following Thursday, when he died about cock-crow of his wounds. Being asked what became of John de Wynestone, Thomas de Walpol, Martin de Aumbresbury and the others, the jurors say that Thomas de Walpol, Martin de Aumbresbury, Richard de Aumbresbury, William de Grenstede and John le Joignour were captured and taken to Newgate; and the said John de Wynestone, William Shonk, Simon Lyghtfot, James de Shordiche, John Galle

[1] Known as the Great Cross or Queen Eleanor's Cross, erected in 1290. Stow 'Survey' (ed. Kingsford), i. 265.

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Thomas le Waryner and John Baudechon fled, but whither the jurors know not, &c. Chattels none. The corpse viewed, &c. Precept to the Sheriffs to attach the said John de Wynestone, William Shonk and their fellows as soon as, &c.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

John Michel, by Roger de Woxebrugge and Thomas Friday.

Ralph de Blithe, by Richard Rolf and Robert de Blithe.

Robert de Herlawe, by Benedict de Dunniswey, John [*illegible*].

John de Mallinge, by Geoffrey le Guldbetere, Robert de Sk*** [*illegible*].

2. *On the death of John de Glemham.*

Farndone Without

Sunday after the Feast of St. Martin [11 Nov.] a° 19 Edward II. [A.D. 1325], information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that John de Glemham apprentice of the Bench (*apprenticius de banco*)[1] lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in the rent of John de Horneby in the parish of St. Bride de Fletestrete. On hearing this they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Farndone Within [*sic*], Aldresgate, Bredstrete, and Castle Baynard, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors —viz.: William de Toppesfeld, Reginald de Thorpe, Simon Larmurer, Ralph le Cotiller, Hugh Larmurer, John le Vannere, John de Badburgham, William le Cotiller, Geoffrey le Palmere, Richard Larmurer, William de Waltham, Walter le Mareschal, William Deveneys, Gilbert le Cordewaner, Walter le Alblaster, Roger Chauntecler, Elyas de Bamptone, Thomas le Barber, Andrew le Hornere, Robert Picard, Nicholas le Fourbour, Richard le Fourbour, John Rofot, John Gyles, Walter atte Slo, Henry le Fourbour and William Brodeye of the Ward of Farndone Without [sic]; Thomas de Bernham, Stephen le Plomer, Adam le Parchemyner, John de Warre, Augustine le Herberer, and Nicholas de Blacwell of the Ward of Aldresgate; Walter de Oxon', "cordewaner," John de Kent, carpenter (*faber*), John le Tillere, John atte Ryole, and

[1] The Court which always sat at Westminster as distinguished from the Court held *coram Rege*, wherever the King happened to be, and called "the King's Bench."

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Thomas de Wallyngford of the Ward of Bredstrete; John Meel, Roger de Staundone, W * * * le Wryght, Adam de Bedeford, John le Smale, William le Haftere, junior, and John Barat of the Ward of Castle Baynard; Richard de Cestria, John Hert, Philip le Hatlynere, Thomas Hubert, and Richard le Longe of the Ward of Farndone Within [*sic*]—say on oath that on Sunday the eve of St. Martin [11 Nov.], John de Oxon', clerk, at the request of William de Cornwelle, went to the tavern of Edmund Cosyn in the parish of St. Bride aforesaid, where he assaulted John Wolfel, taverner of the said Edmund, on account of an old quarrel; that the said John Wolfel raised the cry and hue whereat there came the said John de Glemham and a number of apprentices of the Bench, whose names the jurors know not, and that a certain William le Taverner, servant of William de Sandal, likewise came up and with his drawn sword struck the said John Glemham on the fore part of his head, inflicting a wound 4 inches long and 2½ inches deep; that the said John de Glemham thus wounded went as he could, to his chamber, in the rent of the said John de "Hornby," where he had his ecclesiastical rights, and where he lingered until the following Saturday, when he died about the third hour.[1] The jurors suspect no one except the said William le Taverner, who was captured immediately after the inquest and taken to Neugate. Being asked who were present when this happened, they say there were the aforesaid John Wolfel and John de Oxon', clerk, and many apprentices of the Court (*apprenticii de Curia*) whose names they know not. The corpse, viewed, &c. Precept to the Sheriffs to attach the said John de Oxon' and John Wolfel, also the persons unknown as soon as they have knowledge of them, and the four nearest neighbours.

Those present attached, viz. :—

John Wolfel, by Robert le Sporyere, and William le Gardiner, "keu."

John de Oxon' could not be found, and had nothing in the City to attach.

Four neighbours attached, viz. :—

Roger Chauntecler, by William de Toppesfeld and Walter atte Slo.

[1] The third hour of the day, or (about) 9 a.m. : known as "Terce."

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Reginald de Thorpe, by William Deveneys and John le Chaundeler.

John Rofot, by Richard de Bernham and Gilbert le Cordewaner.

John Gyles, by Ralph le Cotiller and William de Waltham.

Neugate 3.—Monday after the Feast of St. Edmund Bp. [16 Nov.] a° 19 Edward II. [A.D. 1325], Johanna, wife of William de Grendone died her rightful death in the prison of Neugate, being detained there on an indictment before John de Illeford, late Coroner of London, and the Sheriffs for abetting a breaking of prison and for supplying robbers detained there with iron instruments for breaking prison. The corpse viewed, &c.

4. *On the death of John, son of John le Brun.*

Tower Sunday before the Feast of St. Katherine V. [25 Nov.] the year aforesaid, information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that John, son of John le Brun, lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in his father's house in the parish of All Hallows de Berkyngchirche in Tower Ward. On hearing this, they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Alegate, Billyngesgate and Langebourne, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: Thomas de Sondone, Guy le Hurer, John de St. Saviour, James atte Piry, Edmund Godwyne, Robert atte Colme, Robert le Diere, William de Herford, Thomas de Osprenge, Thomas de Coumbe, "cordewaner," Adam de Bruton, "taillour," Robert de Maidenstan, Ivo de Shaldeford and John Albon of Tower Ward; Peter de Mortone, Roger de Miccham, Henry le Freynsshe, Andrew le Criour, Robert de Westone, barber, and Richard le Rede of the Ward of Alegate; John de Waltham, Adam de Reygate, John atte Loke, Henry Tollelove (?), John de Sengham and Simon de Eltham of the Ward of Billyngesgate; Richard atte Cokke, Richard de Breydestone, "taillour," Walter de Carletone, John le Palmere, John de Cicestre and John le Taillour of the Ward of Langebourne—say on oath that on

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Wednesday before the Feast of St. Katherine, the said John, son of John le Brun and Richard le Fethermongere, shortly after the hour of curfew were standing quarrelling in the High Street opposite his father's house in Tower Ward, in the presence of Thomas le Fethermongere, brother of the aforesaid Richard, when the said Richard struck the said John on his right arm with a knife, inflicting a wound half-an-inch long and penetrating to the bone, and the said Thomas le Fethermongere struck the said John with his knife on the breast inflicting a mortal wound three inches long and an inch and a-half deep; that thereupon the said Richard and Thomas fled but whither the jurors know not, &c.; that the said John thus wounded entered his father's house, where he had his ecclesiastical rights and where he lingered until the following Saturday and then died at the ninth hour.[1] The said Thomas and Richard had no chattels. The corpse viewed, &c. Precept to the Sheriffs to attach the said Thomas and Richard when, &c.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

Adam Honteman, by William de Hereford and Thomas de Osprenge.

Simon de Kedmenstre, by Ivo de Shaldeford and James atte Pirye.

Walter Clenhond, by John de St. Saviour and Robert de Maidenstone.

Walter le Mulleward, by Thomas de Sondone and Guy le Hurer.

5.—Sunday after the Feast of St. Katherine V. 25 Nov. the year aforesaid, William Broun of Ireland, approver died his rightful death in prison. The corpse viewed, &c. *Neugate*

6.—Tuesday after the Feast of St. Andrew Ap. [30 Nov.] the same year, Adam le Waleis, approver, died his rightful death in the prison of Neugate. The corpse viewed, &c. *Neugate*

7.—The same day, Richard de Salop', taken on denunciation of the Bishop of London died his rightful death in the same prison. The corpse viewed, &c. *Neugate*

[1] About 3 p.m.

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Neugate 8.—Friday the Feast of St. Nicholas [6 Dec.] the same year, John Maii taken on suspicion of larceny, died his rightful death in the same prison. The corpse viewed, &c.

9.—*On the death of Roger Scot, "taillour."*

Bisshopesgate On Sunday after the Feast of St. Thomas Ap. [21 Dec.] a° 19 Edward II. [A.D. 1325], information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that Roger Scot, "taillour," lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in the High Street under the wall of Sir Hugh le Despenser, junior, in the parish of St. Alburga [1] in the Ward of Bisshopesgate. On hearing this, they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Lymstrete, Bradestrete and Cornhulle, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: Thomas de Ansty, John Robes, Robert Maniman, Richard le Plastrer, William le Mareschall, Philip le Cordewaner, Nicholas le Sadeler, William de Montagu, Henry le Bowiere, Reginald le Sawyere, John le Fourbour, and John le Draper of the Ward of Bisshopesgate; John le Brasour, Henry de Abyndon, John de Cantuar', John le Taillour, Thomas Broun, and Simon de Estchep of the Ward of Lymstrete; Adam de Wynton', John de Dounham, Robert de Redgrave, John Fyssh, William de Shorne and Robert le Brewere of the Ward of Bradestrete; John le Barbour, Laurence le Barbour, John Gamen, "sadeler," William le Cordewaner, Robert le Organer and Nicholas le Sherman of the Ward of Cornhulle—say on oath that on the preceding Saturday the said Roger Scot and Robert de Oundle, about the hour of Vespers, were quarrelling in the High Street opposite the wall of Hugh le Despenser in the Ward of Bisshopesgate, when the said Robert privily drew his knife called "trenchour" and therewith struck the said Roger on his left breast, inflicting a mortal wound an inch long and four inches deep, so that he fell to the ground and forthwith died; that the said Robert immediately fled, but whither, the jurors know not. Chattels none. No one present except the said Roger and Robert. The corpse

[1] Ethelburga.

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discovered by Philip de Hethe, cobbler. Precept to the Sheriffs to attach the felon when, &c., also the said Philip and four nearest neighbours.

The above Philip attached by John le Mareschall and Richard le Plastrer.

Four neighbours attached, viz. :

Nicholas de Haveryng, by John le Hattere and Nicholas le Seler.

William Mabili, by John Fysshe and William de Montagu.

John de Hemenhale, by John le Brewere and William le Smith.

Thomas Brangwayn, by Adam de Wynton' and John de Dounham.

10.—On Monday before Christmas, the same year, John de Fernyngho died in Neugate his rightful death, having been sent there by the Steward and Marshal of the lord the King for counterfeiting the seal of Richard Dammori. The corpse viewed, &c. *Neugate*

11. *On the death of Alice, wife of Richard le Pursere.*

On Tuesday before the Feast of Circumcision [1 Jan.] a° 19 Edward II. [A.D. 1325-6], information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that Alice, wife of Richard le Pursere lay dead of a death other than her rightful death in a solar in the rent of William de Burgh, clerk, in the parish of St. Mary de Colchurche in the Ward of Chepe. On hearing this, they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Colmanstrete, Cordewanerstrete, and Bassieshawe, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: Geoffrey le Cotiller, Bartholomew le Cotiller, John Marchaunt, Robert le Fourbour, Richard le Latoner, John Rose, Robert le Bakere, Hugh le Cordewaner, Thomas Culli, Roger Trugge, and William le Fourbour of the Ward of Chepe; John de Bermyngham, Alan le Blake, Richard le Smith, Nicholas le Dubbere, William le Smith, John Saundelai and Robert le Broun of the Ward of Colmanstrete; Roger de Parys and William de *Chepe*

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Nortone of the Ward of Cordewanerstrete; John Poynter, Gilbert de Berkyng, Walter le Founder, Roger le Taillour, John Wolmer and Richard le Bokeler of the Ward of Bassieshawe—say on oath that when on the preceding Monday, a little after the hour of curfew, the aforesaid Alice wished to descend the stair from the aforesaid solar, being of the age of 80 years and more, she accidentally fell from the top to the bottom, and was carried by her friends into the solar where she had her ecclesiastical rights and lingered until midnight when she died of the fall. The stair appraised by oath of Geoffrey le Cotiller, Bartholomew le Cotiller, John Marchaunt, Robert le Fourbour, John le Clerk, "fourbour," and Richard le Latoner at 4 pence for which John de Cotone, one of the Sheriffs will answer. The corpse viewed, &c.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

Reginald de Conduit, junior, by Bartholomew le Cotiller and Geoffrey de Gedelestone.

John Marchaunt, by Robert le Bakere, Peter le Bokeler.

Richard le Latoner, by Walter le Bourner, and Robert de Braynford.

William de St. Alban, "chaundeler," by John le Poyntere and Gilbert de Berkyng.

12. *On the death of Ralph de Notingham, clerk.*

Vintry Tuesday after the Feast of Epiphany [6 Jan.] a° 19 Edward II. [A.D. 1325-6], information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that Ralph de Notingham, clerk, lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in the house of James Beauflour, in the parish of St. Martin in the Vintry in Vintry Ward. On hearing this they proceeded thither and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Douuegate, Queenhithe and Cordewanerstrete, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: Geoffrey Beauflour, John Hardel, John Masoun, Adam Snowe, John Snowe, Alan de Huthe, Thomas Wastel, John le Keu, William de Reygate, Richard atte Vigne, Nicholas le Cordewaner, Richard de Hereford and Copin le Barber of the Ward of Vintry; William de Edyntone, John

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Child, Richard de Walyngford, Thomas de Hakenaye, William de Enefeld and Hugh de Shirbourne of the Ward of Douuegate; Adam le Joignour, John Jolyvet, skinner, Simon de Cauntebrigge, Walter le Chaundeler, Thomas le Brewere and William le Keu of the Ward of Queenhithe; John Nichol, Adam de Wrastlyngworth, Nicholas Norman, John le Keu called "Lespicer," Elyas Musshe and Thomas Fraunkeleyn of the Ward of Cordewanerstrete—say on oath that on Monday before the Feast of the Circumcision [1 Jan.] a° 19 Edward II. [A.D. 1325-6], William Turk, fishmonger, late servant of Godewin Turk, struck the said Ralph Notyngham, clerk, in the High Street on the border of the Wards of Vintry and Douuegate opposite the tavern of the late William de Hallyngbury, with an instrument called "shovele," at the hour of Vespers, inflicting a mortal wound on his head seven inches long and reaching the brain, and that the said William Turk forthwith fled, but whither, the jurors know not, &c. No chattels. The said Ralph thus wounded entered the house of James Beauflour, where he was received hospitably, and had his ecclesiastical rights, and where he lingered until Monday the Feast of Epiphany and then died. No one was present when it happened except the said Ralph and William Turk and Henry de "Fulmere" and Simon Leffyn, taverners. Precept to attach the felon, and also the said Henry and Simon who were present and four nearest neighbours.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

James Beauflour, by John le Keu and Robert de Lenne.

Geoffrey Beauflour, by Thomas le Taillour and William de Reygate.

John Hardel, by Richard atte Vigne and Richard de Hereford.

Thomas Wastel, by Adam Snowe and John Snowe.

Those present attached, viz.:

Henry de "Folmere," by Adam Lopchaunt, "keu," and William de Enefeld.

Simon Leffyn, by Thomas de Hakeneye and John de Actone, "keu."

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13. *On the death of John Toly.*

Vintry On Wednesday after the Feast of St. Hillary [13 Jan.] the year aforesaid [A.D. 1325–6], information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that John Toly, servant of Henry de Gysors, lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in the rent held by the said Henry of John de Gysors in the parish of St. Martin in the Ward of Vintry. On hearing this, they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz., Douuegate, Cordewanerstrete, and Queenhithe, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.—John de Belton, Henry le Rede, Thomas Colbrond, Henry le Palmere, Geoffrey Beauflour, John Hardel, William de Reygate, Andrew le Botiller, Stephen de Conduit, Robert le "Waylsman," Copin le Barber, and Thomas le Taillour of the Ward of Vintry; Richard le Keu, John de Caumpes, Robert le Crokkere, John le Coupere, William le Parmonter, and Reginald le Brewere of the Ward of Douuegate; Hamo le Mareschal, Peter de Kyngestone, Richard le Joignour, Thomas le Barber, Maurice le Peleter and Elyas de Suffolk of the Ward of Cordewanerstrete; Robert de Brinkele, Benedict le Taillour, William de Maundeville, John de Cauntebrigge, "taillour," James le Vannere and John Monk of the Ward of Queenhithe—say on oath that when on the preceding Tuesday, about midnight the said John Toly rose naked from his bed and stood at a window of the solar 30 ft. high to relieve himself towards the High Street, he accidentally fell headlong to the pavement crushing his neck and other members, and thereupon died about cock-crow. Being asked who discovered him, the jurors say Robert le "Wayllhsman." The corpse viewed, &c. Precept to attach the said Robert and four nearest neighbours.

The above Robert (le) "Wailshman" attached by Henry le Palmere and Henry le Rede.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

Henry de Gysors, by John de Beltone and Thomas Colbrond.

John Hardel, by Copin le Barber and Thomas le Taillour.

Geoffrey Beauflour, by Reginald le Brewere and John le Coupere.

Thomas Wastel, by Copin le Barber and William de Reygate.

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14. *On the death of William de "Gildeford."*

Walbrok

On Monday after the Feast of Conversion of St. Paul [25 Jan.] a° 19 Edward II. [A.D. 1325–6], information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs, that William de "Guldeford" lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in the High Street near the gate of the rent of Sir Henry le Scrope in the parish of St. Swythun in the Ward of Walbroke. On hearing this, they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Douuegate, Bradestrete, and Candelwykstrete, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: Stephen de Kent, Warin Mingy, William de Camerwell, Thomas de Arderne, William Russel, Richard de Cauntebrigge, Hugh de Warr', William de Bartone, baker, John de Herwardstoke, Walter le Hore, John Page, Henry atte Frithe, John le Reve, Thomas de Chelse, William le Glovere, John le Ros and Edmund de Bury "peleter" of the Ward of Walebrok; William de Wedone, Geoffrey de Redyng, Richard Frere, Robert de North[hampton], Thomas de Leddrede and John de Braye of the Ward of Douuegate; Robert atte Folde, Benedict de Shorne,[1] Richard de Merlawe "keu," Peter Mounteney, Walter de Clive, "keu," and Walter Cote of the Ward of Bradestrete; Ralph Beauflour, Richard de Dockyn, John de Bomstede, Richard de Uptone, Richard Denys and John de Suthwerk, of the Ward of Candelwykstrete—say on oath that on the preceding Sunday, at the hour of curfew, Nicholas le Barbour, Agnes de Houdan, his mistress, John Joye, "webbe," and the aforesaid William de Guldeford left the tavern of Henry Deumars in the Ward of Langebourne to go to the house of the said Agnes, and that when they arrived there, the said Nicholas with the help of the said John and Agnes privily struck the said William on the breast with a long and thin (*subtili*) knife, inflicting a mortal wound a third of an inch long and reaching

[1] Probably identical with Benedict Shorne, a stock-fishmonger, recorded by Stow—'Survey' (ed. Kingsford) i. 260—as having been a repairer or benefactor of the church of St. Bennet "Shorehog" (a corruption of Shorne). Cf. 'Cal. of Wills, Court of Husting,' i. 413.

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the heart, whereof he immediately died. They further say that the said Nicholas and John immediately carried the corpse of the said William through St. Swythin's Lane towards the Thames, and threw it down opposite the rent of Sir Henry le Scrope and fled, and that the aforesaid Nicholas, John and Agnes were captured immediately after the inquest and taken to Neugate. Being asked who found the body, the jurors say a certain John le Reve. The corpse viewed, &c. Precept, &c.

The above John le Reve attached by John le Roos and William de Sarum, "glovere."

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

Warin Myngy, by William de Bartone and Richard de Cauntebrigge.

Thomas de Cantuar', by John Page and Richard Denys.

John de Wyntertone, by Richard de Merlawe and Richard de Clyve.

William de Camerwelle called "Lemfaunt," by Ralph Beauflour and Walter Cote.

15. *On the death of Henry de Lodelowe, carpenter.*

Lymstrete

On Monday the morrow of the Purification B.M. [2 Feb.] a° 19 Edward II. [A.D. 1325–6], information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriff that Henry de Lodelowe, carpenter, lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in the High Street opposite a certain wall belonging to Hugh de Waltham, clerk,[1] in the parish of St. Peter de Cornhull in the Ward of Lymstrete. On hearing this, they proceeded thither and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Cornhulle, Alegate and Bisshopesgate they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: Richard de Bokhurst, Robert de Arderne, taverner, John de Somersete, Walter le Flecchere, Adam de Croydone, William de Sabricheworth, John de Welles, John de Fresyngfeld, "brewere," Robert de Wysebeche, Henry de Abyndone, Walter de Oxon', John de Cantuar' and John de

[1] Possibly the Town Clerk of that name. See 'Cal. Letter-Book B,' p. 17, *Ob.* 1335. Succeeded in office by Roger de Depham, 'Cal. Letter-Book E,' p. 5.

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Rothyng of the Ward of Lymstrete; John Gamon, William de Hortone, "cordewaner," William Ponfold, barber, Andrew le Stolere, William de Staunford, "cordewaner," Alexander le Mazerer, Richard del Brendwode and John de Kent of the Ward of Cornhulle; John de la Marche, Robert de Benstode, junior, Ralph de Wedone, "pottere," Godfrey de Luketone, "brewere," Laurence de Herlawe, "brewere," Hugh le Westryn, "cordewaner," John de Depyng, "cordewaner," Henry de Evesham, "cordewaner," Stephen de Dunstaple and Robert Waleys of the Ward of Alegate; Reginald Wauter, skinner, John Drake, Stephen de Excestre, skinner, Robert de St. Ives, John le Tornour, and William Bullok of the Ward of Bisshopesgate—say on oath that on Sunday the Feast of the Purification [2 Feb.] at the hour of curfew, Henry de Lodelowe and William atte Hurst, carpenter, left the house of Richard de Kent, "taillour," in the parish of St. Peter de Cornhulle in the Ward of Lymstrete, and when opposite the rent of Hugh de Waltham in the High Street in the said Ward, the said William struck the said Henry with a long knife over the left breast, inflicting a mortal wound an inch and a half long and reaching to the heart, whereof he immediately died, and that on the Monday following the said William was captured and taken to Neugate. John de Grenewyche, skinner, discovered the body. Precept, &c.

The above John de Grenewyche attached by Laurence le Barber and John de Welles.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

Thomas de la Marche, by Robert de Arderne and Adam de Croydone.

Walter de Chelmersford, by John atte Hurst and William le Barber.

Robert de Alegate, by John de Benstede and John de Rothyng.

William de Alegate, by John de Depyng and William de Uptone.

16. *On the death of William Deveneys, skinner.*

Farndone Without

On Sunday after the Feast of St. Valentine [14 Feb.] the year aforesaid, information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that William Deveneys, skinner, lay dead of a death other than his

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rightful death in a shop held by him of John de Langetone, in the parish of St. Dunstan in the Ward of Farndone Without. On hearing this, they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Castle Baynard, Aldresgate and Bredestrete, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: William de Toppesfeld, Elyas de Bamptone, Master Walter le Mareschall, Roger de Parys, Geoffrey le Palmere, Robert Pycard, William de Kelyngworth, John le Dorturer, Alan le Barber, Robert de Knaresburgh, David de Tutbure, and Henry le Fourbour, of the Ward of Farndone Without; William de Suttone, William de Bleynes, William le Haftere, junior, John Meel, John de Westmenstre and William le Haftere, senior, of the Ward of Castle Baynard; William de la Forest, William de Warrewyk, Thomas de Kent, Richard de Pycheford, Hugh de Rothewell and Roger de Oundene of the Ward of Aldresgate; John Burgylon, Thomas de Walyngford, John le Lokiere, John le Tylere, John de Kent, carpenter (*faber*) and Walter de Oxon' of the Ward of Bredestrete—say on oath that on the Sunday before the Feast of St. Valentine [14 Feb.] the same year, the above William Deveneys, shortly after the hour of curfew, met Walter de Kirkeby a servant of Sir Walter de Bedewynde in the High Street opposite the New Temple in the suburb of London, and a quarrel arising the said Walter struck the said William with his sword on the top of the head, inflicting a mortal wound four inches long and reaching to the brain; that the said Walter immediately fled, but what became of him they know not. Chattels none. The said William, thus wounded returned to his shop, where he lingered until the following Saturday when he had his ecclesiastical rights, and then died at the hour of Vespers. Precept, &c.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

Hugh de Arderne, by Elyas de Bamptone, and Roger de Parys.

William de Flete, by William de Toppesfeld and Henry le Fourbour.

Robert le Fourbour, by William de Chelse and John Pycard.

Simon Larmurer, by Walter le Mareschall and Geoffrey le Palmere.

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17. *On the death of Walter de Anne of co. Hamptone.*

On Tuesday after the Feast of St. Valentine [14 Feb.] the same year, information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs, that Walter de Anne of co. Hamptone lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in the rent of John Marchaunt, in the parish of St. Laurence Jewry, in the Ward of Chepe. On hearing this, they proceeded thither and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Colmanstrete, Bassieshawe, and Cordewanerstrete, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: Ralph Pycot, John de Mimmes, "chaundeler," William de Salop', William de Berkhamstede, Robert le Correour, William de Stebenhuth, Salamon le Coffrer, Robert de Duffeld, Roger de Ebor', Geoffrey le Cotiller, John le Brewere, and Robert Abraham of the Ward of Chepe; John le Pynnere, John Gest, Robert le Parier(?) John Botild, Reginald le Bokeler and Roger le Correour of the Ward of Colmanstrete; John le Poyntere, Gilbert de Berkyng, Thomas le Noble, James le Girdelere, John Wolmar and Roger Stokfysshe of the Ward of Bassieshawe; Peter le Pasteler, Ralph de Coventre, William de Welleford, Richard de Chippenham, John de Ebbegate, Adam de Bernham of the Ward of Cordwanerstrete—say on oath, that on Thursday before the said Feast of St. Valentine, a certain Alan de Hacford, a chaplain, at dusk, entered the chamber which the said Walter had hired in the aforesaid rent, and there found the said Walter sitting with Alice de York, the mistress of the said Walter and Alan, and immediately, without any warning, the said Alan struck the said Walter near the navel with a sword called "misericord," the said Alice aiding and abetting, and inflicted a mortal wound 3 inches long and reaching to the bowels that the said Alan and Alice thereupon fled, but whither, &c. The said Alice had no chattels, and what chattels the said Alan had, were in a certain chamber which he held of Margery de Norhamptone in the parish of St. Martin de Oteswych; that the said Walter lingered until the following Monday when he had his ecclesiastical rights and died. The said Coroner and Sheriffs *Chepe*

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proceeded to the aforesaid Chamber and caused the chattels of the said Alan to be valued on the oath of William Lofficial, Robert Abraham, John de Mimmes, "chaundeler," Robert de Doffeld and Roger de Ebor' of the Ward of Chepe, John de Wanlok, "Bedel," Thomas Brangwayn, John Fysshe, Adam de Wynton', John de Dounham, and Adam son of Alexander le Peyntour of the Ward of Bradestrete. The chattels comprised two small drinking cups (*costrellos*)[1] called "Flagetz" worth 4 pence, a pot and salt-cellar of "peautre" worth 4 pence, an old bridle (*frenum*) worth a penny, two posnets worth 20 pence, a broken mazer cup worth 6 pence, a brass dish for washing the head worth 2 pence, four pewter dishes worth 6 pence, a brass pan worth 6 pence, six small white wooden cups worth three halfpence, a small cross-bow (*balistam*) worth 12 pence, a torn table-cloth and towel worth 10 pence, a small barrel worth 3 pence, two small coffers worth 6 pence, a desk (*deskam*) for books worth a penny, a "materaz" worth 10 pence, three pillows worth 6 pence, a chest worth 12 pence, a piece of pork and a piece of beef worth 10 pence. Total 10*s.* ½*d.* for which Gilbert de Mordon, one of the Sheriffs, will answer.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

Jordan de Langele, by William Lofficial and Roger le Bregerdeler.[2]

John Marchaunt, by Thomas de Hakenaye and Thomas de Harwell.

William de Berkhampstede, by Hugh le Harpour and John le Harpour.

Alan de Codham, by Roger le Borler and John le Brewere.

18. *On the death of William de Norhamptone, "portour."*

Castle Bainard

On Thursday after the Feast of St. Valentine [14 Feb.] the year aforesaid, information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that William de Norhamptone, "portour," lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in the High Street near the church of St. Mary Magdalen in the Ward of Castle Bainard. Thereupon

[1] Cf. *supra* p. 88, note 3.

[2] Breech-girdler, a maker of belts to keep up the breeches; from Lat. *bracca*; not Brace-girdler from Lat. *brachium*. See N.E.D., *s.v.* Breech-girdle.

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they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Queenhithe, Bredestrete and Farndone Within, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: Elyas de Wodebere, Henry Lombard, Henry Brenge, Richard de Ware, William Joygnour, John de Petertone, Richard Patryk, William le Iryssh, Richard Senglaunt, Hugh de Bolyngtone, William de Ware and Nicholas de Gabham of the Ward of Castle Bainard; William Warde, Walter le Chaundeler, Gilbert le Dyere, Richard le Chaundeler, William Boydin and John le Chaundeler of the Ward of Queenhithe; Gilot le Barber, Walter de Oxon', Henry de Bristoll, John de Odyham, Thomas le Lokiere, Nicholas le Coupere and John le "Tyllere" of the Ward of Bredestrete; Hugh le Perer, Walter Gobard, John de Bolton, William de Scathedene, Reginald le Fourbour and Robert de Eynesham of the Ward of Farndone Within—say that on Wednesday after the Feast of St. Valentine, the year aforesaid, at the hour of curfew came William Warrok, "pottour," and the aforesaid William de Norhamptone quarrelling through the High Street of Eldefysshstrete and when they were opposite the church of St. Mary Magdalen, the said William Warrok struck the said William de Norhamptone, with a knife called "thwytel" to the heart, so that he immediately died; that the felon fled, but whither, or who received him, they know not. No chattels. Nobody present at the time except these two. The body first discovered by Henry de Hatfeld, clerk of the aforesaid church. Precept to the Sheriffs to arrest the felon, &c.

The above Henry, the clerk, attached by William "le" Joygnour and Henry "de" Brenge.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

Elyas de Wodebere, by Richard de Ware, John de Petertone.

Richard Senglaunt, by Richard de Bolyngtone, William Boydyn.

Henry Lombard, by Nicholas le Coupere, John le "Tulere."

William de Dorkyng, by John de Odyham, John le Tableter.

19. *On the death of John de Felton, junior.*

On Tuesday after the Feast of St. Mathias [24 Feb.] a° 19 *Bredestrete*

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Edward II. [A.D. 1325–6], information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that John de Felton, junior, lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in the rent which Adam de "Draiton" held of Elyas de Suff[olk] in the parish of All Hallows de Bredestrete in the Ward of Bredestrete. Thereupon they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Cordewanerstrete, Queenhithe, and Chepe, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: William de "Chaiham," Osbert de Braye, John de Draytone, Walter de Barkworth, Gilbert de Folsham, Hugh de Depedene, John de Tiffeld, William le "Serger," John "Mareys," Peter le Dorturer, Gilbert le Mareschall, William de Aungre, "Mareschall," Adam de Cartel, William atte Wolde, John le Peyntour, and William de Wykedene of the Ward of Bredestrete; John de Halstede, William de Bramptone, Robert de Uptone, Hamo le Mareschall, Thomas le Kervere, Thomas de Chidele, and John de Bredestrete of the Ward of Cordewanerstrete; John de Byxle, Roger de Suthcote, William de Neuport, Ralph de Lenne, John de Kent, dyer, and Ralph de Berkwey of the Ward of Queenhithe; Ralph de Uptone, William de Hodesdone, Richard de Writele, Roger de Kirkeby, John de Lincoln, and Osbert atte Bowe of the Ward of Chepe—say that whereas Master William de Westone lately delivered in parts beyond the sea to Eustace le Keu, John le Ferrour, and Thomas le Croudere, servants of Sir John de Feltone, Knt., a horse to be taken to England and delivered to Peter de Seyntes, a servant of the said Master William, the said Peter, on Sunday the eve of St. Mathias aforesaid met the said Eustace, John le Ferrour, and Thomas aforesaid in the High Street of Bredestrete, opposite the house of Adam de Draytone at the hour of Compline, and asked them to give up his master's horse, and on their refusing to do so, a quarrel arose and the aforesaid Thomas drew his knife wishing to strike the said Peter; that William a brother of James le Keu, called "Maucovenaunt," seeing this, ran and attacked the said Thomas with his fist; that thereupon there ensued a great outcry and John de Feltone, junior, went out of the house of Adam de Draytone, where he was lodging, with his sword drawn, and

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therewith struck Thomas de Newentone, servant of Hugh de Depedene at the door of the house of the said Hugh so that he fell to the ground; that the said William Maucovenaunt and John Janyn hurried up with staffs called "Balghstafs" in their hands, together with Geoffrey, servant of Walter atte Conduyt, and the said William struck the said John de Feltone on the top of the head down to the brain, and John Janyn dealt the said John de Feltone a similar blow as he lay on the ground. They say also that the aforesaid Geoffrey, servant of Walter atte Conduyt, aided and abetted the felony; that the said John de Feltone was carried half dead to the house of the said Adam, where he had his ecclesiastical rights and lingered until the Tuesday following, when he died at day-break; that the aforesaid William and John Janyn, the felons, and the aforesaid Geoffrey the aider and abettor, fled, but whither they (the jurors) know not. Chattels none. The corpse viewed, &c. Precept to the Sheriffs, &c.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

John de Bredestrete, by John de Halstede, William de Bramptone.

William de "Cheyham," by John de Draytone, Walter de Barkworth.

Nicholas de Bentele, by William le "Cirger," John "Marys."

Thomas le Barber, by Ralph de Lenne, and Osbert atte Bowe.

20. *On the death of Richard de Dancastre.*

Candelwykstrete

On Sunday after the Feast of St. Mathias [24 Feb.] the year aforesaid, information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that Richard de Dancastre lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in a shop held by the said Richard from the Minoresses without Alegate[1] in the parish of St. Mary de "Abbechirche" in the Ward of Candelwykstrete. Thereupon the said Coroner and Sheriffs proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Langebourne, Walebroke and Bridge, then diligently enquired how

[1] Nuns of the Order of St. Clare, whence the local name of "Minories."

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it happened. The jurors—viz.: Thomas de Wynton', Henry atte Lanende, William le Hattere, William Godalmyng, John de Bomstede, John de Tackele, Thomas de Saunford, William Loveliche, John Alisaundre, Gregory le Cordewaner, Godfrey de Watford and John le Rede of the Ward of Candelwykstrete; Hugh Pycard, John atte Grove, Henry Kermerdyn, Henry Swote, John de Asshyndone and William Salle of the Ward of Langebourne; Warin Myngy, Stephen de Kent, John le Webbere, Richard Ingelond, Geoffrey Payn and Peter de Mordon of the Ward of Walbroke; William Launce, Walter de Mountagu, William de Huntyngdon, Robert de Braye, Roger de Donsterre and Adam de Shenefeld of the Ward of Bridge—say that on Saturday after the Feast of St. Mathias at dusk, the said Richard de Dancastre and William de Tutbure, servant of "Bankin" Bromlesk stood quarrelling opposite the hostel of the said Bankin in the parish of St. Mary de "Abchirch," when the said Richard drew his sword and wounded the said William on the head and left hand; that the said William thereupon drew his sword called a "misericord" and struck the said Richard on his right breast inflicting a wound an inch long and six inches deep, whereof he died about midnight, having received his ecclesiastical rights; that the said William took refuge in the church of St. Mary aforesaid, and on the coming of the said Coroner and Sheriffs surrendered to the peace and was forthwith taken to the prison of Neugate. The corpse viewed, &c. Precept to the Sheriffs, &c.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

William de Canefeld, by Henry Kermerdyn, William Godalmyng.

Hugh Pycard, by John de Aysshyndone, Richard le Cagemakere.

Richard atte Clay, by John de Tackele, Thomas de Sanford.

Laurence de Canefeld, by William Salle and Godfrey de Watford.

Neugate 21.—On Palm Sunday [16 March] the year aforesaid [A.D. 1325–6], Robert Sely died in Neugate prison where he was confined for a sum of £200 due to John de Charletone by form

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of statute. The corpse viewed on which no wound or bruise appeared.

22.—On Easter Sunday [23 March] the same year, Richard Wyldeler died his rightful death in Neugate prison to which he had been committed by the Steward and Marshal of the lord the King for larceny. The corpse viewed, &c. *Neugate*

23.—Saturday after the Feast of St. Ambrose [4 April] a° 19 Edward II. [A.D. 1326], Nicholas le Free called "Mason" died his rightful death in Neugate prison where he was confined on the appeal of John de Elme, an approver, deceased, for counterfeiting money of the lord the King at Norwich co. Norf. The corpse viewed, &c. *Neugate*

24. *On the death of William de Lancastre.*

On Monday the Feast of St. Tiburtius [14 April] the same year, information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that William de Lancastre, "taillour," lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in the rent of William Noyl in the parish of St. Mary de Bow (*de Arcubus*) in the Ward of Cordewanerstrete. Thereupon they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Bredestrete, Vintry and Chepe, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: John de Chaumpaygne, William de Haukesdene, John de Hedersete, Robert de Coventre, Elyas le Chaucer, Roger de Parys, Peter le Pybakere, Theobald le Chaucer, Thomas de Kestevene, John le Chapman, Thomas de Chiddele, and Thomas de Kent of Essex, of the Ward of Cordewanerstrete; Alan de Norff [olk], Osbert le Keu, Walter de Scardeburgh, Henry Pente, Hervey le Keu, and William de Wykendene of the Ward of Bredestrete; Thomas Salle, John Persone, William de Stratford, Peter de London, "cordewaner," Simon le Lokyere, and William de Oxon' of the Ward of Vintry; Adam atte Marche, Walter de Blecchyngleye, Walter de Writele, Adam atte Bowe, Henry de Cavendysshe, and John de Lincoln of the Ward of Chepe—say *Cordewaner-strete*

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that on Sunday before the Feast of St. Tiburtius, at the hour of curfew, the said William de Lancastre and John de Enefeld, "taillour," were quarrelling in the High Street of Chepe opposite the lane of Cordewanerstrete when the said John de Enefeld secretly drew a long knife and therewith struck the said William on the left breast, inflicting a mortal wound half an inch long and 5½ inches deep; that the said John immediately fled, but whither they know not. Chattels none. They further say that the wounded man entered the rent of the aforesaid William Noyl, where he had his ecclesiastical rights and died about mid-night of the wound aforesaid. The corpse viewed, &c. Precept to the Sheriffs, &c.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

Richard de Welleford, draper, by Henry Pente, Thomas Salle.

Richard de Glouc[estre], "naylere," by Simon le Lokyere, John de Oxon'.

Stephen de Berkynge, by Robert de Coventre, Elyas le Chaucer.

John de Chaumpaigne, by John Persone, Alan de Norff[olk].

Neugate 25.—On Sunday before the Feast of St. George [23 April] the same year, Henry le Heldre of Godesfeld died his rightful death in Neugate prison, where he was confined on appeal of Alexander atte Ponde and Robert Sauvage, approvers. The corpse viewed, &c.

Neugate 26.—On Saturday after the Feast of St. Mark [25 April] the same year, William de Grandon died his rightful death in Neugate prison where he was confined on suspicion of larceny. The corpse viewed, &c.

Neugate 27.—On Monday after the Feast of Ascension [1 May] the same year, Peter Abraham died his rightful death in Neugate prison, where he was confined for a sum of 20*s.* adjudicated to John de Westone, "taillour" in the court of the lord the King before John de Cotone, one of the Sheriffs of London, in a plea of trespass. The corpse viewed, &c.

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28. *On the death of John "Laundele."*

Crepulgate Within

On Monday the Feast of St. Dunstan [19 May] the same year, information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that John "Laundel," "taillour," lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in a certain solar in the rent of Richer de Refham in the parish of St. Peter de Wodestrete in the Ward of Crepulgate Within. Thereupon they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Bredestrete, Farndone Within and Chepe, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: Gilbert le Tymbermongere, John le Hanaper, Thomas le Brewere, Luke le Hosiere, John de la Penne, Richard le Tornour, Thomas de Dodyngtone, William de Dentone, John de Cornwall, Geoffrey de Rokyngham, John Hoke and Nicholas de Hegham, cook, of the Ward of Crepulgate Within; Roger Lovekyn, Walter de Sardeburgh, William de Exham, John Dokeleg', Osbert le Keu, Ralph de London, "keu," and Hervy le Keu of the Ward of Bredestrete; William de Aldenham, William Perle, William le Chaundeler, Nicholas Harwe, John de Berdefeld and Richard atte Gate of the Ward of Farndone Within; Roger de Kyrkeby and Adam atte Bowe of the Ward of Chepe—say that on Sunday the eve of St. Dunstan a° 19 Edward II. [A.D. 1326] at dusk, the said John "Laundele" and George de Cloon, "cordewaner," were quarrelling in the High Street of Chepe opposite the rent of Richer de Refham near Melkestrete, when the said George struck the said John with a long knife under the right breast, inflicting a mortal wound one inch broad and five inches deep; that the said George forthwith fled to the church of St. Peter de Wodestrete. Chattels none; the wounded man entered the solar aforesaid and there died of the wound. The corpse viewed, it having been first discovered by Thomas Richer, "taillour." Precept to the Sheriff to attach the said Thomas and four nearest neighbours.

The said Thomas attached by Richard atte Gate and Richard Maintre

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Four neighbours attached, viz.:

William de Bodele, by John de la Penne, Richard le Tornour.

William de Caustone, by John Hoky, John Horn.

Robert de Glouc[estre], by William de Dontone, Roger de Stokes.

Nicholas de Bentele, by John le Hanaper, Thomas le Brewere.

29.—Sunday the eve of St. Dunstan [19 May] the same year, at dusk, George de Cloon, "cordewaner," fled into the church of St. Peter de Wodestret, and there confessed the above felony before the Coroner and Sheriffs and refused to surrender to the peace. He afterwards made his escape by night.

30. *On the death of Simon de la "Fermorye."*

Walbroke

On Tuesday before the Feast of St. Barnabas [11 June] the same year, information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that Simon de la "Fermorie," skinner, lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in the rent of John de Godesfeld in the parish of St. Stephen in the Ward of Walbroke. Thereupon they proceeded thither and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the Ward of Aldresgate where the said Simon was said to be wounded [1] and also of the two nearest Wards, viz.: Farndone Within and Chepe, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: Geoffrey de Wyntertone, Warin Mingy, Geoffrey de Shrouesbure, Geoffrey le Keu, "cornmongere," Elyas de Thorpe, John le Mareschall, junior, William de "Dounfowe," Roger de Leangre, Roger atte Doune, John Page, John le Mareschall, senior, Robert de Bruges, and John de Eynesham of the Ward of Walbroke; William de Warewyk, Thomas de Bernham, John de Mymmes, Thomas le Carpenter, William de Stafford, Roger Doun, Robert de Glouc-[estre], John le Taillour, William de Westmell, John Frere, Ralph le Maler and Robert Travers of the Ward of Aldresgate;

[1] The Sheriffs of the year 26 Henry III. were amerced for holding an inquest where a man was found dead and not where he was wounded, a place some distance away.—*Liber Albus* (Rolls Series), i. 105–6; *Cf. infra*, Roll F. 14, 17, and 34.

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Nicholas Crane, Thomas Poyntel, Walter atte Belhous, John de Lyndeseye, John de Kyngestone, Nicholas de Halford and Humfrey Stacy of the Ward of Farndone Within; Salamon le Coffrer, Geoffrey de Gedlestone, Richard de Farnebergh, William de Brunne, John Peche, Peter de Grenewych, Thomas le Fourbour, John Albon, Henry Horpol and Walter de Overee of the Ward of Chepe—say that on Sunday before the Feast of St. Barnabas a° 19 Edward II [A.D. 1326], about sunset, a great number of apprentices of the Bench of the counties of York and Norfolk came running out of the gate of Aldresgate with swords drawn and quarrelling among themselves on account of a dispute between the apprentices of the two counties,[1] so that bells were rung and a crowd assembled, when David Arpada a servant of Sir Nicholas de Hougate, clerk, being in his master's house near St. Martin le Grand shot at the multitude with his bow, with the connivance of John Broun, John de Cotyngham, Adam de Naffertone, Adam de Kyngestone, William Page of the kitchen, William de Wartre, John de Gryngele, Robert de Dryffeld, John de Thwenge, Alexander de Thwenge, Alexander le Keu, William de Wetewong, and Nicholas de Whyteby his fellow-servants and struck Simon de la "Fermorye," skinner, with an arrow inflicting a mortal wound on the left side of the belly near the navel; that the said Simon entered the house of the aforesaid John de Godesfeld where he had his ecclesiastical rights and lingered until the following Monday when he died about the ninth hour; that the said David Arpada and Adam de Naffertone fled, but whither, they (the jurors) know not. Chattels none. They further say that the aforesaid John Broun, John de Cotyngham, Adam de Kyngestone, William Page of the kitchen, William de Wartre, John de Gryngele, Robert de Dryffeld, John de Thwenge, Alexander de Keu, William de Wetewong and Nicholas de Whyteby were captured. The corpse viewed. Precept to the

[1] Described elsewhere as an affray between *northern* and *southern* apprentices of the law:—Hoc anno [viz.: A.D. 1326] orta est magna dissensio apud Westmonasterium, inter apprenticios de Banco domini regis, videlicet inter Norenses et Suthrenses, ex qua causa multi fuerunt occisi in civitate Londoniæ.—Chron. Edw. I. and Edw. II. (Rolls Series No. 76), vol. i. p. 313.

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Sheriffs to attach David Arpada and Adam de Naffertone when found in their bailiwick and the four nearest neighbours.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

William de Waldene, "cordewaner," by Waryn Myngy, William de "Donfowe."

John, son of John de Triple, by William de Warewyk, William de Stafford.

Roger de Excestre, by William de Westmell, William Broune.

Roger atte Doune, by Walter de Belhous, Walter (de) Overee.

Neugate 31.—On Tuesday the Feast of St. Botolph [17 June] the same year, Peter called "Perot le Freynsshe" of Cornhulle, goldsmith, died his rightful death in Neugate prison, being confined there on appeal of John de Cranebroke, an approver, for a robbery from the Lord Archbishop of York in the county of Middlesex. The corpse viewed, &c.

32. *On the death of Thomas de St. Alban.*

Aldresgate On Sunday before the Feast of St. John Bapt. [24 June] the same year, information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that Thomas de St. Alban, cobbler, lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in a shop held by him under Ralph de Blithe in the parish of St. Agnes in the Ward of Aldresgate. Thereupon they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Bredestrete, Crepulgate and Farndone Within, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: John le Bole, William de Warewyk, William de Saunford, Robert de Clackton, Roger de Woxebrigge, John de Leycestre, Roger Doun, Peter de Excestre, Richard Rolf, John Shep, Thomas le Carpenter, John Roger, Thomas Friday and Robert de Gloucestre of the Ward of Aldresgate; John de Kent, carpenter (*faber*) John de Gisburgh, "tighlere," William Bainard, Thomas de Wallingford, John de Stebenhuth, "lokyere," and John Borgiloun of the Ward of Bredestrete; Ralph Trewelove, Reginald de St. Quintin, Stephen le Bokeler, John de Chiggewell, Geoffery de Hidyngham, "bakere," and John de

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Redenhale of the Ward of Crepulgate; John atte Berne, Richard Kyng, John de Stafford, Henry le Sherman, John de Galeweye and William le Clerk of the Ward of Farndone Within—say that on Sunday before the Feast of St. Barnabas at the hour of curfew Thomas de St. Alban, cordwainer, was standing at the door of his shop in the parish of St. Agnes within Aldresgate when he saw James de Shordich and Thomas de Walpol, goldsmiths, coming from Chepe towards Aldresgate with swords and bucklers in their hands, and taking them to be misdoers and disturbers of the King's peace he attacked them with a staff and struck the said Thomas de Walpol to the ground; that seeing this, the aforesaid James drew his sword and therewith struck the said Thomas de St. Alban on the back of the head inflicting a wound an inch and a half long and penetrating to the brain, and also another wound on his right side four inches long and two inches deep, and a third wound on his left arm near the hand three inches long and half an inch deep; that the wounded man entered his shop where he had his ecclesiastical rights and lingered until Saturday before the Feast of Nativity of St. John Bapt. when he died of his wounds about sunset; that the said Thomas de Walpol got up and fled before the felony, and the said James was seized by the Sheriffs' officers and taken to Neugate.

Thereupon the jurors asked a day so as to make further enquiry, and Sunday after the Feast of St. John aforesaid was given them. On that day the jurors say that on Sunday before the Feast of St. Barnabas [11 June] the said Thomas de St. Alban, cordwainer, was standing at the door of his shop at the hour of curfew, when he saw William de "Stormuthe" and Thomas de Walpol approaching Aldresgate with swords and bucklers, and when opposite his shop the said Thomas de St. Alban struck the said Thomas de Walpol to the ground; that the latter immediately rose and with his sword struck the said Thomas de St. Alban on his left arm near the hand inflicting a wound three inches long and half an inch deep and immediately fled, but whither they (the jurors) know not; that William de "Stormouth" thereupon struck the said Thomas de St. Alban with his sword on the back part of his head and another wound on his right side as aforesaid,

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and also fled, but whither, they (the jurors) know not. Chattels none. Precept to the Sheriffs to attach the said felons and four nearest neighbours.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

Ralph de Blithe, by John le Bole, Richard Rolf.

Robert de Chiggewell, by John Roger, Thomas Friday.

Nicholas de Leycestre, by Richard Kyng, John atte Berne.

Nigel de Whattele, by John Shep and William Baynard.

33. *On the death of Alexander de Staunford.*

Bisshopesgate On Wednesday the morrow of St. John Bapt. [24 June] the same year, information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that Alexander de Staunford lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in the High Street, opposite the rent of John Deveneys in the parish of All Hallows de Graschirche in the Ward of Bysshopesgate. Thereupon they proceeded thither and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Langebourne, Cornhulle and Lymestrete, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: John de Toweslond, taverner, Nicholas de la Gardrobe, Laurence de Wanstede, James le Sherman, John Pedewardyn, John le Long, William de la Rokele, Gilbert le Heymongere, John le Blount, "taillour," Stephen de Excestre "parmonter,"[1] Thomas de Surlyngham, "taillour," and Richard de Prestone of the Ward of Bisshopesgate; Edmund le Mareschall, Dionisius Lavener, Roger de Notyngham, Simon atte Hert, Thomas Wastel and Robert de Bristoll of the Ward of Langebourne; William de Staunford, "cordewaner," Richard de Nayllestone, "taillour," Thomas de Hodesdone, John le Taillour of Stafford, Richard le Stolere and Laurence le Barber of the Ward of Cornhulle, Roger de Totenham, John de Coventre, Henry le Poleter, Robert de Arderne, John de Sancroft and Walter le Flecher of the Ward of Lymestrete—say that on Wednesday, the morrow of St. John Bapt. Walter le Clerk de Edelmeton and Alexander de Staunford were fighting at the hour of Vespers in the High Street of Greschirche-

[1] Tailor (?) Lat. *Parmentarius.*

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strete, when the said Walter struck the said Alexander on the back of the head with a staff called "Shide,"[1] so that he fell to the ground and immediately died; that the said Walter was at once captured and taken to Neugate. Precept to the Sheriffs, &c.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

John Deveneys, by Richard de Kent, "taillour," John le Longe.

Cambyn Fulberd, by John le Blound, Gilbert le Heymongere.

John Gelemyn, by William Bullok, John de Hyntone.

John Pedewardyn, by Laurence le Barber and Richard le Stolere.

34.—On Friday before the Feast of Translation of St. Thomas the Martyr [7 July] the same year, William de Donham, son of Laurence de Donham of Barton on Humber co. Linc., took refuge in the church of St. Antonin in the Ward of Cordewanerstrete and confessed before the said Coroner and Sheriffs that on Monday in Pentecost week a° 18 Edward II. [A.D. 1325] he had feloniously killed Thomas Paynel of West Rasen near Braundestone co. Linc. On Monday after the Feast of St. Thomas at the beginning of the 20th year of Edward II. [A.D. 1326] he abjured the realm, the port of Dover being assigned to him. Chattels none.

35. *On the death of John "de la" Marche*

Alegate

On Wednesday after the Feast of the Translation of St. Thomas the Martyr [7 July] a° 20 Edward II. [A.D. 1326], information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that John "atte" Marche lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in the rent he held from Richard le Clerk of Blaunchapelton[2] in the parish of St. Katherine within Alegate in Alegate Ward. Thereupon they proceeded thither and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Langebourne, Portsokne and Lymestrete, they diligently enquired how it happened. The

[1] See note on "talwschid," *supra*, p. 10.

[2] The name of a manor near Mark Lane. Not to be confounde with Whitechapel.

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jurors—viz.: [Henry] "inthelane," Peter de Nayllynghurst, William Shep, William Gille, Richard de Hamstede, "fourbour,"[1] Robert de Waryngho, brewer, Robert de Neubure, John le Rede, potter, John de Macchynge, brewer, John de Shaldeford, cordwainer, Ralph de Exbury, potter, Robert de Aldham, "taillour," and Stephen de Donstaple, "peleter," of the Ward of Alegate; Robert de Crokesbourne, John Ballard, "taillour," Richard Frere, John le Palmere, Richard atte Cokke and Gilbert de Dullyngham of the Ward of Langebourne; Walter Andreu, Richard de Notyngham, "peleter," John Bigge, potter, John de Grenewych, Alan de Coventre, "sopere," and Henry de Pykelyngton, cordwainer, of the Ward of Portsokne; Robert de Alegate, William de Alegate, Walter de Welyngtone, "Dyeghere," Robert de Banstede, Thomas de Radegrave and John Lovelyf, "taillour," of the Ward of Lymestrete—say that on Saturday before the Feast of SS. Peter and Paul [29 June] a° 19 Edward II. [A.D. 1326] the said John "le" Marche "pottere," and Agnes de Wycoumbe after the hour of curfew, were quarrelling in the High Street opposite the house of the said John in the parish of St. Katherine Within Alegate, when the said Agnes taking a staff called "Balghstaf," out of the hand of John "atte" Marche therewith struck the said John on the back and sides; that thereupon came Geoffrey de Caxtone, brother of Thomas de Caxtone, "bocher," and Andrew de Wynton', "pottere," with staves in their hands to assist the said Agnes and struck the said John on the head and body, so that he died on Tuesday after the Feast of St. Thomas aforesaid, having received his ecclesiastical rights, at the hour of Vespers. They further say that Robert le Rakyere aided and abetted the felony, and that the said Andrew and Robert were immediately arrested and taken to Neugate. Being asked what became of the said Agnes and Geoffrey, the jurors say that they fled, but whither they know not. Precept to the Sheriffs to arrest them, &c. The chattels of the said Agnes appraised on oath by Henry "in the Lane." William Shepe William Gille, Richard de Hampstede, "fourbour," Robert de Neubure, John le Rede, "pottere," John de Macchyngge, brewer, Hugh de Salford cordwainer, Ralph de Exbury, Stephen de Don-

[1] Furbisher of old clothes, armour, &c.

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staple, Robert de Aldham and William le Wariner, viz.: a form at $3\frac{1}{2}d$, a "trestel," at 1*d.*, a hand-mill at 2*s.* 2*d.*, a lead (*plumbus*) at 2*s.*, fifty "fagotes" at 3*s.*, wood for firing at 12*d.*, a "fer-fork," at $1\frac{1}{2}d.$, a piece of wood called "courbe,"[1] at 7*d.*, an old "forser"[2] at 4*d.*, five vats at 16*d.*, an empty jar for beer at 4*d.*, five "kemlyns,"[3] at 12*d.*, a small brass pot at 18*d.*, a small table cloth at 5*d.*, a pound of wax at 5*d.*, two small chests without locks at 2*s.*, four old "quissins,"[4] at 8*d.*, four old pillows at $7\frac{1}{2}d.$, two small chests at 20*d.*, feathers for a couch at 12*d.*, a "bussel" at $1\frac{1}{2}d.$, eleven geese at 2*s.* 9*d.*, a "groin" of iron at 5*d.*: total 23*s.* 10*d.*, for which Gilbert de Mordone, one of the Sheriffs, will answer.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

Adam de Cobhambure, by Robert de Banstede, Walter Andreu.

Richard le Clerk de Blaunchapelton, by William Shepe William Gille.

Augustine Waleys, by Robert de Alegate, Thomas de Radegrave.

Thomas Sauvage, by William le Wariner, Robert de Neubury.

36.—Saturday before the Feast of St. Margaret [13 July] a° 20 Edward II. [A.D. 1326], John de Otewy of Goryng co. Oxon took refuge in the church of St. Botulph near Byllyngesgate and confessed before the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that he was a thief, having taken £10 out of the coffers of Thomas Gentilcorps at Kyngestone co. Surrey on Wednesday after the Feast of St. Peter and Paul [29 June] a° 19 Edward II. [A.D. 1326]. He refused to surrender and on the following Wednesday he abjured the realm, the port of Dover being assigned to him whence to cross the sea at the first tide. His chattels 5*s.* 2*d.* for which Gilbert de Mordone, one of the Sheriffs, will answer.

37. *On the death of Walter de Hoddesdone.*

On the Saturday aforesaid, information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that Walter de "Hodesdone" lay dead of a *Bradestrete*

[1] A crooked billet (?).
[2] Strong-box.
[3] Tubs for brewing (Riley, 'Memorials,' p. 194).
[4] Cushions.

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death other than his rightful death in the rent which he held of Thomas West, Knt., in the parish of St. Mildred in the Poultry in the Ward of Bradestrete. Thereupon, they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Chepe, Cornhulle and Walbroke they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: Richard de Merlawe, "keu," Walter de Clyve, "keu," Peter de Mounteneye, John de la Bataille, Walter Cote, Nicholas de Redyng, John de Notyngham, Nicholas atte Castel, Adam de Oudeby, John le Clerk, "upholdere," Richard de Ethehulle and William de Bery of the Ward of Bradestrete; Salamon le Coffrer, Walter Overee, Nicholas Halford, "chaundeler," Henry de Farnebergh, William le Peutrer and Richard de Farnebergh of the Ward of Chepe; John de Alegate, Richard de Oggele, John de Salisbure, Henry de Norhamptone, Nicholas le Chaundel and William de Grenstede of the Ward of Cornhulle; John Page, William de Donfowe, James de Wyntertone, skinner, Roger atte Doune, Roger Leangre and Robert de Braynford of the Ward of Walbroke—say that Thomas son of John Gysors and Matthew son of Henry le Palmere came at break of day on the Feast of Nativity of St. John Bapt. [24 June] a° 19 Edward II. [A.D. 1326] into the close of Thomas de West, Knt., in the parish of St. Mildred and assaulted Walter de Hodesdone who lived within, on account of a quarrel, the said Thomas Gysors striking him on the forehead with a knife called a "Panade,"[1] inflicting a mortal wound four inches long and penetrating the brain, and the said Matthew striking him on the back part of the head with a staff called "Balghstaf"; that the wounded man got to bed when he had his ecclesiastical rights and died on Friday before the Feast of St. Margaret [20 July] about the third hour. The felons fled but whither, &c. The corpse viewed, &c. Precept to the Sheriffs, &c.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

John Albon, "skynnere," by Walter Cote, William de Bery.

John le Brewere atte Swan, by Walter "Overe," William le Peutrer.

[1] A large two-edged knife, a poniard.

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Benedict de Shorne, by Walter de Clyve, "keu," William de Grenstede.

Robert atte Folde, by Walter Muryet and William de Donfowe.

38. *On the death of William Walsshman.*

Douuegate

On Friday the Feast of St. Peter ad Vincula [1 Aug.] a° 20 Edward II. [A.D. 1326], information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that William Walsshman, "tyghlere," lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in the High Street called "Bowelane," under the wall of the rent of Richer de Refham in the Ward of Douuegate. Thereupon they proceeded thither and having summoned good men of that Ward, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: John de "Whytlesford," "carpenter," Adam de Craule, "taillour," John de Caumpes, cordwainer, William de Bandone, Richard de Oudeby, Thomas de Oxon', Geoffrey de Reddyngge, William de Piry, Adam Loperchaunt, Richard Frere, Thomas Potage, Adam le Coupere of the Ward of Douuegate—say that when on the preceding Thursday, a little before sunset, the said William Walsshman, "tyghlere," was standing on a ladder in the said lane tiling a house he unfortunately fell head-first to the pavement and immediately died. No one was present when it happened except the said William and Thomas de Flore his servant. The ladder appraised by John de "Whytleford," carpenter, and Geoffrey de Redyng at 3 pence, for which Gilbert de Mordone, one of the Sheriffs, will answer. Precept to the Sheriffs to attach Thomas de Flore, the finder of the body, and four nearest neighbours.

Thomas de Flore, attached by Ralph de Hamslap and Thomas le Longe, "tylere."

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

Richer de Refham, by Richard Frere, William de Bandone.

William le Gaugeour, by Adam Loperchaunt, Adam le Coupere.

Benedict de Suff[olk], by Thomas Potage, Thomas de Oxon'.

Robert le Crockere, by William de Pyry, Richard de Oudeby.

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39. *On the death of Lucy, wife of Richard de Barstaple.*

Portsokne Saturday after the Feast of St. Peter ad Vincula [1 Aug.] a° 20 Edward II. [A.D. 1326], information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that Lucy wife of Richard de Barstaple lay dead of a death other than her rightful death in the rent of the Hospital of St. Katherine in the parish of St. Botulph Without Alegate in the Ward of Portsokne. Thereupon, they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Alegate, Tower and Bisshopesgate, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors, viz.: Walter de Wymbysshe, "pottere," Adam de Radegrave, Geoffrey de Horsham, Alexander Cobbe, Walter le Girdelere, John "Lorchon," Robert le Carpenter, John Simound, "pessoner," Robert Greylond, "pessoner," Adam Broun, Richard de Denham, and John Wardee [sic] of the Ward of Portsokne; Henry le Freynsshe, Peter de Merton, Daniel le Peliter, William Richemound, "tyghlere," Nicholas de la Chaumbre and Richard le Rede of the Ward of Alegaté; Robert le Fethermongere, John le Chaundeler, Robert le Dyere, Robert le Coupere, James atte Pirye and Henry Cullere, "smyth," of the Ward of Tower; Geoffrey le Whyttawyere, Walter de Wynton', "gaunter,"[1] Thomas de Borham, John Harynge, Richard de Grenstede and Ralph de Lenne of the Ward of Bisshopesgate—say that on Monday after the Feast of St. Peter and Paul [29 June] a° 19 Edward II. [A.D. 1326], Agnes "Houdydoudy" met the aforesaid Lucy, who was *enceinte*, in the High Street near the Tower, and a quarrel arising, the said Agnes knocked the said Lucy and struck her on the belly with fist and knees, and fled leaving her half dead in the street. The said Agnes was immediately caught and taken to Neugate, whilst the said Lucy was carried by friends to the rent aforesaid where she had her ecclesiastical rights and within three weeks gave birth to an abortive child, and died on Friday the Feast of St. Peter ad Vincula of the blows, at the third hour. The corpse viewed, &c. Precept to the Sheriffs, &c.

[1] Glover.

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Four neighbours attached, viz.:
Hugh de Pabenham, by John Harynge, Ralph de Lenne.
Hugh de Hecham, by Richard de Denham, John Warde.
Adam de Redgrave, by James atte Pirye, Thomas de Borham.
Walter Cobbe, by John "Lorchoun" and John Broun.

40.—Sunday after the Feast of St. Peter ad Vincula [1 Aug.] 20 Edward II. [A.D. 1326], Sir Roger de Mortimer of Chirk died his rightful death in the Tower where he was confined by the King's order.[1] The corpse viewed, whereon no wound, lesion or bruise appeared. *Tower*

41. *On the death of Richard le Rakiere.*

On Thursday before the Feast of St. Laurence [10 Aug.] the same year, information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that Richard le Rakiere lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in a latrine in the rent held by Ralph le Chaundeler of the Prioress of Haliwell in the parish of Little St. Bartholomew[2] in the Ward of Bradestrete. Thereupon they proceeded thither and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Cornhulle, Bisshopesgate and Colemanestrete, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: Peter le Coffrer, Robert de Stowe, Andrew de Staunford, William de Angre, John le Botyner, Walter de Rokesle, William de Wyttone, Adam Muryet, Walter de Bamptone, John de Horndone, Robert de Cauntebrigge and John atte Hethe of the Ward of Bradestrete; Geoffrey Knyght, John de Salle, John de Stockbrigge, Robert Ramage, Henry de Bramptone and John de Manhale of the Ward of Cornhulle; Robert Manyman, William *Bradestrete*

[1] Roger Mortimer of Chirk and Roger Mortimer of Wigmore, his nephew, had been compelled to make submission to the King in 1322. They were both committed to the Tower, but the nephew contrived to escape in August of the following year and joined the Queen Isabella, but the uncle remained a prisoner until his death.—'Cal. Letter-Book E,' p. 150; Chron. Edw. I. and II. (Rolls Series), Vol. i. 312; Vol. ii. 264.

[2] Or St. Bartholomew by the Exchange, on the site of which stands a portion of the Bank of England.

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Dachet, John Whythond, John le Fourbour, Roger de Bakwell and John le Tournour of the Ward of Bisshopesgate; Richard de Boitele, John Botild and Philip Donsynle, "brokour," of the Ward of Colemanstrete—say that on the aforesaid Thursday about the ninth hour when the said Richard was seated on a latrine in his house, the planks being rotten gave way, and the said Richard fell in and was drowned. The planks appraised by the jury at *6d.* for which Gilbert de Mordone, one of the Sheriffs, will answer.

William Scot, "rakiere," who found the body, attached by Robert Manyman and William Dachet.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

John le Botoner, by Robert de Stowe, Adam Muryet.

Ralph le Chaundeler, by Robert Ramage, Henry de Bramptone.

William de Podenhale, by Peter le Coffrer, William de Angre.

John de Bardeneye, by John de Horndone and John de Manhale.

42. *On the death of William de la Marche.*

Candelwykstret.

Friday after the Feast of Assumption B.M. [15 Aug.] the same year, information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that William de la Marche, "lyndraper," lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in the house which he held of Roger de Depham, clerk,[1] in the parish of St. Clement in the Ward of Candelwikstrete. Thereupon they proceeded thither and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Bridge, Langebourne and Walbroke, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: William atte Crouche, William le Hattere, Robert le Chaundeler, Richard le Peckere, Walter de Totenham, William le Plomer, Robert le Mazerer, William de Godalmynge, Robert le Hattere, Henry Rombald, Osbert le Brewere and Richard Turk of the Ward of Candelwykstrete; Drugo Sharpe, Nicholas le Taillour, John le Coupere, Simon le Keu, Bartholomew le Taillour, and Warin

[1] Elected Common Clerk (Town Clerk) of the City, in January, 1335, in place of Hugh de Waltham, deceased. 'Cal. Letter Book, E,' pp. 5, 290, but he only held the appointment until the following August, when he was succeeded by John de Shirbourne.

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Fattyng of the Ward of Bridge; Ivo le Coupere, Walter de Briggewater, Simon le Hert, Thomas Non and John de Bedeford of the Ward of Langebourne; Warin Myngy, Robert de Hatfeld, Walter de Hallyngbury, John le Neve and Thomas de Bedeford of the Ward of Walbroke—say that on the preceding Thursday a little before sun-set Andrew son of John Saleman, owing to a quarrel between him and William de la Marche, struck the said William with a long knife under the left breast, inflicting a mortal wound an inch and a half long and 5 inches deep, of which wound the said William died on the Friday aforesaid at day-break, having received his ecclesiastical rights; that the said Andrew forthwith fled, but whither they know not. Chattels none. The corpse viewed, &c. Precept to the Sheriffs, &c.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

William le Hattere, by William atte Crouche, Richard le Peckere.

Simon de Totenham, by Henry Rombald, Richard Turk.

William le Plomer, by Drugo Sharpe, Simon le Keu.

John Odyerne, by Warin Myngy, Thomas Non.

43. *On the death of Roger Styward.*

Cordewaner-strete

On the aforesaid Friday, information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that Roger Styward of Hamptone lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in the High Street of Chepe near the lane of St. Mary le Bow in the Ward of Cordewaner-strete. Thereupon, they proceeded thither and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Chepe, Bredstrete and Crepulgate, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: Thomas de Kent, Robert de Asshe, William de Speresholte, Peter le Pybakere, William le Taverner, "chaucer," John de Clyftone, Elias le Chaucer, Ralph de Coventre, William de Bannebury, John de Felstede, Roger de Parys and John Chaumberleyn of the Ward of Cordewanerstrete; Simon Meel, Robert de Seynt Mor, Richard de Writle, John atte Barnet, William de Shrouesbure and Edmund de Wyk of the Ward of Chepe; William Baron, "taillour," John Rolf, William Hervy, Walter de Scardeburgh, Roger Lovekyn and Ralph Cook of

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London, of the Ward of Bredstrete; Hamo le Keu, Adam de Bredstrete, Richard de Aylesbure, John Horn, John de Cornewaille and Thomas de Dadyngtone of the Ward of Crepulgate—say that on the aforesaid Friday at the hour of Prime the said Roger was walking in Cordewanerstrete carrying eels in a bucket for sale, when he threw down on to the street the skins of eels opposite the shops of Simon de Peckham and John de Keslyngbury; whereupon the said Simon and Richard de Keslyngbury, apprentice of the aforesaid John, remonstrated with him, and a quarrel arising the aforesaid apprentice left the shop and struck the said Roger with the palm of his hand under the left jaw and returned to the shop; that the aforesaid Simon followed the said Roger as far as the churchyard of St. Mary le Bow and there struck him with his fist on the head under the left ear, so that he fell to the ground, and then kicked him as he lay; that the said Roger rose with difficulty and went towards Chepe when he again fell and immediately died; that the said Simon and Richard on hearing of his death took refuge in the Church of St. Mary le Bow; that the said Richard, after inquest held, surrendered and was taken to Neugate, whilst the said Simon refused to surrender. Chattels none. The body found by John Chaumberleyn, "brokour." The corpse viewed, &c. Precept to the Sheriffs, &c.

The above John Chaumberleyn attached by John de Felstede, Elyas le Chaucer.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

Roger atte Bowe, by Thomas de Kent, Robert de Asshe.

Richard de Welleford, by Edmund de Wyk, Thomas de Dadyngtone.

Stephen de Berkyng, by William Baroun, John Rolf.

Richard de Gloucestre, by Simon Meel, and John Horn.

44. *On the death of Alice, wife of John Ryvet.*

Aldresgate. Wednesday after the Feast of Nativ. B.V. [8 Sept.] the same year, information given to aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that Alice, wife of John Ryvet, lay dead of a death other than her rightful death in a shop which he held under John Spray in the parish of St. Botulph without Aldresgate in the Ward of Aldres-

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gate. Thereupon they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Crepulgate, Farndone Within and Castle Baynard, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: William de Norhamptone, Richard de Pychford, Hugh de Rothewelle, Stephen le Plomer, Roger de Ounde, Augustin le Herberer, Thomas de Alemaigne, John le Despenser, John de Snoryng, John Bisshop, John Fraunceys and Stephen de Bromyerde of the Ward of Aldresgate; Thomas le Brewere, John le Fuster, John Coterel, John atte Mersshe, Stephen le Bokeler and Richard de Hampshom of the Ward of Crepulgate; John Da, Adam le Meleman, John atte Berne, John Galewey, John Scot and William Kyng of the Ward of Farndone within; John Hod, John Maderman, Henry de Webbeleye, Roger le Taillour, Walter de Arderne and William atte Mere of the Ward of Castle Baynard—say that on the preceding Monday, the Feast of the Nativity aforesaid, the said John Ryvet and Alice his wife were alarmed at midnight by a fire which had been caused by the fall of a lighted candle as they were going to sleep, and hurriedly left the burning shop; that the said John, blaming the said Alice for causing the disaster, violently pushed her back into the shop and fled, but whither, they (the jurors) know not; the said Alice was thus injured by the fire, and again leaving the shop lingered until the following Tuesday, when she had her ecclesiastical rights and died of her burns. The corpse viewed, &c. Precept to the Sheriffs to attach the said John when found in their bailiwick and four nearest neighbours.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

John Spray, by John Bisshop, John Fraunceys.

Ralph de Blithe, by John Coterel, John atte Mersshe.

Stephen le Plomer, by John atte Berne, John Galewey.

Thomas Derk, by John Hod and John Scot.

45.—Thursday after the Feast of Exaltation of Holy Cross [14 Sept.] the same year, Reginald le Waterberere who had been delivered to the Sheriff by the Steward and Marshal of the Lord the King with the mainour of three wool-fells thieved at Wandlesworth co. Surrey, died his rightful death in Neugate prison. The corpse viewed, &c. *Neugate*

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ROLL F.

Accidents and homicides in the City of London and suburbs from Michaelmas a° 10 Edward III. [A.D. 1336] *to Michaelmas a° 11 Edward III.* [A.D. 1337] *temp. William de Brykelesworth and John de Northhalle, Sheriffs, John de Shirbourne being deputy-coroner of Richard de la Pole, the King's Butler.*[1]

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1. *On the death of Walter atte Brome, "botere."*

Byllyngesgate. Tuesday after the Feast of Translation of St. Edward the King [20 June] a° 10 Edward III. [A.D. 1336], information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that Walter atte Brome, "botere," was lying dead of a death other than his rightful death at Byllyngesgate Wharf in the parish of St. Mary atte Hulle in the Ward of Byllyngesgate. Thereupon they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Bridge, Tower and Langebourne, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: Gilbert Cros, John de Navestok, Ralph atte Pole, John de Londonstone, Robert Thomelyn, Richard de Grenstede, * * * * * * * * John Gifford, John Haunsard, Laurence le Taillour, John le Barber, John le * * * *, and John Kyng of the Ward of Byllyngesgate; William de W * * * *, tiler, * * * * * * * of the Ward of Tower; Robert de Burgh * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * of the Ward of Langebourne[2]—say that on the preceding Monday, after the hour of curfew, Richard de Lyncoln, "portour," and

[1] This Roll is not transcribed in Guildhall MS. No 126.
[2] Many of the names are illegible.

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the above Walter atte Brome were quarrelling at Byllyngesgate when the said Richard struck the said Walter on the left side with a knife called "Irysshknyf," inflicting a mortal wound reaching to the heart, of which he immediately died; that the said Richard was arrested by * * * de Huntyngdon, Beadle of the Ward, but was rescued by * * * Pyggesfot, "portour," John Baudre, "portour," and Richard, a chaplain serving in the church of St. Margaret de Briggestrete, but what became of him they (the jurors) know not. Chattels none. The corpse viewed, &c. Precept to the Sheriffs, &c.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

Robert de Hakenaye, by Ralph atte Pole, * * *.

John de * * *, by John Giffard, Robert Noreys.

John de Navestoke, by Henry Benflour, John Haunsard.

Robert le Ropere, by Robert Thomelyn, Laurence * *.

2. *On the death of William Mysone, fishmonger.*

Wednesday after the Feast of SS. Simon and Jude [28 Oct.] the year aforesaid, information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that William Mysone, fishmonger, lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in the rent which he held of Adam de Cobhambury in the parish of St. Katherine Coleman in the Ward of Alegate. Thereupon they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Tower, Langebourne and Lymstrete, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: Richard atte Weye, John le Chaundeler, Adam de * * *, "in le Bakere" (?), Walter Costantyn, Gilbert de Rothyng, Richard le Fourbour, Robert de Northflete * * * Richard Gille, Simon Whytlak, William Baudry, John de Fanchirche and Walter de Ches * * * of the Ward of Alegate; Nicholas de Thotenham, John Aylward, Robert de Codham, John Doket, Hugh Gille and Laurence atte Gate of the Ward of Tower; William de Eppyng and William Donheved, barber, of the Ward of Langebourne; Ralph de Brackele, brewer, Simon de Houndesdiche, Thomas de Hodysdone, Henry le Heyrer, William atte Hurst and Thomas de Redegrave of the Ward of Lymstrete *Alegate.*

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—say that on the preceding Friday, after curfew, Isabella Heyron, mistress of the aforesaid William Mysone, and the said William were quarrelling together, when the said Isabella struck the said William over the left breast with a knife called "trenchour" inflicting a mortal wound an inch and a half long and three inches deep, whereof the said William died on Tuesday after the Feast of SS. Simon and Jude at sun-set; that the said Isabella fled, but whither, they (the jurors) know not. Her chattels, found in the house of Mabel la Shereman in the parish of St. Benedict Fynk, in the Ward of Bradestrete, appraised by John de Brendewode, Thomas Legge, Thomas Lyoun and Thomas de Ware as follows, viz.: a small brass pot and "poscenet" at 3*s.* 6*d.*; a serge (*sargea*) for a bed at 6*d.*; a small chest with trifling contents (*cum minutis rebus in eadem contentis*) at 12*d.* Total 5*s.* for which William de Brykelesworth, one of the Sheriffs, will answer.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

John de Cobhambury, by John de Aldenham and Richard atte Weye.

Simon le Bowestryngere, by Richard Gille, William Baudry.

John de Neubury, by John de Bromle, Richard le Rede, "tapicer."

Stephen de Conduit, by Richard le Fourbour and Walter le Barber.

3. *On the death of John de Hamptone, a mendicant.*

Langebourne. Monday the Feast of St. Martin [11 Nov.] a° 10 Edward III. [A.D. 1336], information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that John de Hamptone, a mendicant, lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in the High Street opposite the rent of John Hablond in the parish of St. Edmund the King, in the Ward of Langebourne. Thereupon they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the two nearest Wards, viz.: Candelwykestrete and Cornhulle, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: Robert de Stratford, "cordewaner," William de Hereford, "shereman," John atte Grove, Nicholas le Pybakere, William Wylde, John Gentyl, Edward le Cordewaner, William de Kent, "cordewaner," Eustace le Corde-

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waner, and Ralph de Enefeld of the Ward of Langebourne; John Rofot, Thomas de Bedeford, skinner, Roger de Hertfeld, "taillour," Robert Oundele, "lyndraper," Richard de Benstede, and Robert Gregori of the Ward of Candelwykestrete; John de Holte, Paul le Auncelmakere,[1] Ralph de Elsyngham, John de Coventre, Robert le Shethere and Geoffrey le Shethere of the Ward of Cornhulle—say that on the preceding Sunday the above John de Hamptone was quarrelling with William de Dene, a mendicant, in the High Street, opposite the rent of John Hablond, when the said William struck the said John on the left side of the head with his fist and felled him to the ground, and there struck him on the head with a staff called "potent,"[2] so that he immediately died; that the said William was arrested and taken to Neugate. The corpse viewed, &c.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

John de Nounes, by Robert de Bristoll, John de Empyngham.

Robert Holwell, by Alexander de Watford, Roger Godchep.

John Hablond, by John de Totenham, John le Barber.

Alexander de Watford, by John atte Grove, Nicholas le Peleter.

4. *On the death of Simon Chaucer.*

Cordewaner-strete.

Tuesday after the Feast of St. Martin [11 Nov.] a° 10 Edward III. [A.D. 1336], information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that Simon Chaucer lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in the rent of Richard Chaucer,[3] his brother, in the parish of St. Mary at Aldermarichirche in the Ward of Cordewanerstrete. Thereupon they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the three nearest

[1] Maker of a weighing machine known as "auncel" or little balance. See N. E. D. *s.v.* "auncel."—'Cal. Letter-Book B,' pp. 214 n. By the Statute of Purveyors in 1352 (Stat. 25, Edw. III., cap. ix.) the auncel "weight" [*sic*] was abolished and the even balance ordered to be used in its stead.

[2] A crutch or staff with a cross-piece to lean upon. In heraldry a "cross potent" is a cross having the limbs terminating in "potents" or crutch-heads. The term is also used in the heraldic description of a particular kind of fur.

[3] Probably the third husband of Mary (Staci?) widow of Robert Chaucer the grandfather of Geoffrey the poet.

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Wards, viz.: Queenhithe, Brede Strete and Walbroke, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: William de Chelrythe, John atte Gate, John de Braybourne, Stephen de Brokesbourne, "brewere," John de Marsham, "mareschall," Nicholas de Sandewyz, John de Kent, "sackere," Ralph de Coventre, "cordewaner," Henry de Ware, Walter le Shethere, Geoffrey Bacon, John Sewal and Walter de Alegate of the Ward of Cordewanerstrete; David de Leycestre, William de Hycchene, William Prentiz, William de Salop', John de Oxon', "pelterer," and Hugh de Potteford, "taillour," of the Ward of Queenhithe; John de Draytone, William atte Welle and William le Botiller of the Ward of Bredestrete; Robert de Bruges, Richard de Stykeneye, Thomas de Oxon', "mareschall," and Hugh de St. Neot of the Ward of Walbrok—say that on Monday before the Feast of St. Luke [18 Oct.] last passed, the above Simon Chaucer and Robert de Uptone, skinner, were quarrelling after dinner in the High Street opposite the shop of the said Robert in the parish aforesaid, when the said Simon wounded the said Robert on the upper lip; that John, son of the said Robert perceiving this, took up an instrument called "Dorbarre" and therewith struck the said Simon on the hand, side and head and forthwith took refuge in the church of St. Mary de Aldermarichirche, whence he secretly made his escape on the following night. Chattels none. They further say that the said Simon lingered until the Tuesday aforesaid when he died at sunrise; that the said Robert was captured, before the holding of the inquest, on suspicion and taken to the house of John de Northhalle, the Sheriff. Precept to the Sheriff, &c.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

William de Thorneye, by Adam de Bernham, William de Banbury.

Richard Chaucer, by Richard de Syppenham, Hugh le Blound.

Richard de Welford, by John de Kent, John atte Gate.

William de Derby, by Thomas le Mareschal, Nicholas de Sandwyche.

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5. *On the death of Elyas Ide, seaman*

Friday after the Feast of St. Edmund the King [20 Nov.] the year aforesaid, information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that Elyas Ide, a seaman, lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in a ship called "Seinte Marie Cogge"[1] of London of which Laurence de Braughyng, Robert de [Lyn]wode and Thomas Potyn are masters, at St. Laurence wharf in the parish of St. Donstan in the Tower Ward. Thereupon, they proceeded thither and having summoned good men of that Ward they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: Goscelin Osbern, Henry Cros, William Box, John Smart, Geoffry de Wynterton, Martin le Palmere, John Ballard, Peter de * * * William Clerband, Thomas de Aysshe, Robert atte Colnere and Philip de Thornby—say that on the preceding Thursday the said Elias being drunk and the tide being out, ascended the mast of his vessel by a rope, and on his way down he accidentally fell and immediately died. They attribute his death solely to his drunkenness and the rope, and, further, find that neither the ship nor anything belonging to it was moving or being moved except the rope, which they appraise at 10*s.*, for which William de Brykelesworth, the Sheriff, will answer. *Tower.*

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

Laurence de Brauhyng, by William de Preston, Roger atte Pourt (?).

John atte Pole, by Nicholas de Braye, Philip le Wolleberer.

Richard Conseden, by Richard le Pakdrawere, Rycher le Taillour.

Walter le Milleward, by Edmund de Saunford, William le Ridere.

6.—On Friday the Feast of St. John Ap. and Evang. [27 Dec.] the year aforesaid, Hugh le Bevere (Benere?) died in Neugate, *Neugate.*

[1] A vessel of this name figures among those furnished by the City in 1337 to assist the King in the war with France. William Haunsard, an ex-sheriff, is recorded as being then owner of it, and John Arnald as master.—Riley "Memorials," p. 198.

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where he was confined for the death of Alice his wife, feloniously killed by him in the Ward of Candelwykstrete, and because he refused to justify himself before William * * * * and John de Pulteneye, Justices assigned for gaol-delivery of Neugate by the law of England, he was remitted to prison by the Justices, there to remain in penance until he died.

7. *On the death of Emma atte Grove de Gildeford*

Tower. On Sunday the Feast of the Purification B.M. [2 Feb.] a° 11 Edward III [A.D. 1336–7], information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that the above Emma, a pauper and mendicant, lay dead of a death other than her rightful death in Tower ditch in Tower Ward. Thereupon they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: Henry le Cotiller, William de Talworth, Gilbert de Dullyngham (?), Thomas atte Vigne, Nicholas de Braye, John le Longe, John de Stowe, "pottere," Gosselin de Clive, John de Clipstone, Simon de Swynford, John Priour, "wolleberer," Philip le Wolleberer—say that the above Emma, who had long suffered from falling sickness (*morbum caducum*)[1] came about the ninth hour to the bank of Tower ditch carrying a large earthen vessel full of water, and owing to her sickness fell head foremost into the ditch, nobody being near, and immediately died. The corpse viewed, &c.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

Simon de Swynford, by John le Caundeler, John le Hurer.

John Ballard, by William de Talleworth, John Priour.

Peter de Talworth, by William Clerband, Robert de Aysshe.

Gosselin de Clive, by Robert atte Colure, Philip de Thornby.

8. *On the death of Margery de Woxebrigge "frutere."*

Crepulgate. Wednesday before the Feast of St. Valentine [14 Feb.] the same year, information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that Margery de Woxebrigge lay dead of a death other than her

[1] A form of epilepsy.

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rightful death in the rent of Adam de Walpol in the parish of St. Mary Magdalen de Melkestrete, in the Ward of Crepulgate. Thereupon they proceeded thither and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Chepe, Farndone Within and Bassieshawe, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: William de Salop', Walter le Barber, Adam de Walpol, Peter de Selby (?) William Joye, Robert atte Grene, John atte Vise, Jordan le Taillour, Robert le Barber, James de Bykeleswade, John le Clerk, "fourbour," Nicholas Blosme and William Pope of the Ward of Crepulgate; John le Chaundeler, Richard de Rothewell, "peleter," William Gorel and John le Foundour of the Ward of Chepe; John de Essex, cordwainer, Richard de Stratford, "taillour," Walter de Wy and Peter de Huntyngdon of the Ward of Farndone Within; John Bonfet, John Honte, "keu," John Blondel, Richard Bonfet, John Baltrip and John Jonkyn of the Ward of Bassieshawe—say that on Monday before the Feast of Conversion of St. Paul [25 Jan.] a° 10 Edward III. [A.D. 1336–7] Robert West, "latoner," after the hour of curfew, was standing in Melkestrete under the wall of the church of St. Mary Magdalen waiting for Cecilia de Ware, "fruter" in order to beat her on account of a quarrel, when there came up Margery de Woxebrigge, whom the said Robert mistaking her for the said Cecilia struck over the leg with a long and broad knife called "bydawe," inflicting a mortal wound of which she died on the following Wednesday. The said Robert West arrested and taken to Neugate. The corpse viewed, &c.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

Henry Cheygner, by Richard de Reyngham, Robert atte Grene.

Roger de Forsham, by Walter de Dorsete, William de Houghton.

Adam de Walpol, by William Joye, William le Chaundeler.

John le Chaundeler, by Robert le Barber, John de Lincoln, "taillour."

9. *On the death of Robert de Poltemore, "marberer."*

Wednesday after the Feast of St. Valentine [14 Feb.] the same year, information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs, that *Aldresgate.*

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Robert de Poltemore, "marberer," lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in the rent of Ralph de Blythe, in the parish of St Botolph without Aldresgate, in the Ward of Aldresgate. Thereupon they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Farndone Without, Farndone Within and Crepulgate, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: Robert de Clactone, Andrew de Wollastone, Thomas de St. Botolph, Adam de Norwych, John de Rameseye, Henry de Kemestone, "taillour," Adam de Sarum, Geoffrey de Ebor', Michael le Hattere, John de Stotfeld, John de Rypon', Thomas de Chaucombe, John Kex and Thomas Den of the Ward of Aldresgate; Robert de Keleseye, "chaundeler," Richard de Stamner, Ralph atte Welhous and Robert le Longe of the Ward of Farndone Without: William de Hegham, John Knygth, Richard de Hyntone, "brewere," and William de Edelmetone, "chaundeler," of the Ward of Farndone Within; John de Kyngestone, John atte Crouche, Thomas de Sudbure, "mason," John Fysshe, William de St. Alban and Walter de Bery of the Ward of Crepulgate Without—say that on the preceding Sunday after the hour of curfew, Robert Geel "marberer," and Robert Stevene, "marberer," stood in the High Street opposite the rent of Robert Huberd in the parish of St. Botolph aforesaid, with staves called "balghstaves" lying in wait for the above Robert de Poltemore in order to kill him owing to a recent quarrel, and on his appearance they beat him over the head with their staves, so that he died on the following Tuesday about midnight. The felons immediately fled but whither the jurors know not. The corpse viewed, &c. Precept to the Sheriffs, &c.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

Robert Huberd, by John de Lenne, John de Multone.

Walter Burdeyn, by Thomas Den, Henry de Sarum.

Peter atte Cornere, Thomas de Leyghtone, John le Chaundeler.

Peter Hungry, by Thomas de Chaucombe, Michael le Hatter.

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10. *On the death of Agnes de Cicestre*

Friday after the Feast of St. Valentine [14 Feb.] the same year, information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that Agnes de Cicestre lay dead of a death other than her rightful death, opposite the rent of the Prior of the Hospital of St. Mary, in the parish of St. Botolph without Bisshopesgate in the Ward of Bisshopesgate. Thereupon they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Bradestrete, Cornhull and Lymstrete, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: Ralph Herion, Godfrey atte Swan, John Geryn, John Wysman, Thomas le Gardiner, John Heryng, John le Colyere, Thomas de Sheryng, barber, Geoffrey le Serjaunt, Geoffrey le Whyttawyere, Peter de Hakenaye and John Frere of the Ward of Bisshopesgate; Philip le Tyeghmakere, Robert * * *, William de Codyngton, Robert de Heydene, Henry de Boteston, brewer, and John de Sarum of the Ward of Bradestrete; William de Stanford, John le Barber, Richard de Claveryng, "taillour," Richard le Sadelere, William de Knoth, "sadelere," and Richard le Scoler of the Ward of Cornhull; Ralph de Mixebury, brewer, Thomas de Kelshulle, brewer, Henry le Hayrere, John Hanekyn and William Child of the Ward of Lymstrete—say that on the preceding Thursday, about the hour of Vespers, two carters (unknown) taking two empty carts out of the City were urging their horses apace, when the wheels of one of the carts collapsed opposite the rent of the Hospital aforesaid, so that the following cart fell on the said Agnes who immediately died; that the carter thereupon left his cart and three horses and took flight in fear, although he was not suspected of malicious intent. The corpse viewed, &c. Precept to attach the two carters, &c. The cart and its belongings appraised by jurors of the Ward of Bisshopesgate at 6*s.* 8*d.*; the first horse of a dun colour (*fauvel*[1]) at 10*s.*, the second, a grey (*albus*), and blind of both eyes at 4*s.*, and the third, a black at 6*s.*; also five

Bisshopesgate.

[1] A diminutive of *fauve*, tawny, to *curry favour* is a corruption of Mid. Engl., *curry favel* (a horse).—See 'The Romance of Words' by Ernest Weekly (Murray), p. 120.

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old sacks and five pounds of candles of "coton" which were in the cart at the time of the accident at 16½*d.* Total 28*s.* ½*d.* for which John de Northhalle, one of the Sheriffs, will answer.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

James Mauntel, by Ralph Heryon, Geoffrey atte Swan.

Thomas le Gardiner, by John Brid, John Geryn.

Peter de Hakenaye, by John Wysman, John Heryng.

Geoffrey le Whyttawyere, by John le Colyere, John Frere.

11. *On the death of John Mulleward, a purse cutter* (cissor bursarum)

Castle Baynard.

Friday after the Feast of St. Matthias [24 Feb.] the same year, information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs, that John Mulleward, a purse-cutter, lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in the High Street opposite the hostel of Master William de Plomstok in the parish of St. Gregory in the Ward of Castle Baynard. Thereupon they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Farndone Within, Queenhithe and Bredestrete, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: John de Riptone, John Gony, Adam de Bedeford, John Hod, John de Wynchestre, John de Wyke, John Geryn, William de Norhamptone, Richard de Welebi, Nicholas de Hestone, Walter de Petertone and Thomas de Baldok of the Ward of Castle Baynard; John le Fourbour, John Onewyn, John de Leycestre, Simon Wygan, Hugh le Perer and John de Staunford of the Ward of Farndone Within; John de Essex, Robert de Portesmouth, Henry de la Marche, Henry de Adderbury, and John Baudry of the Ward of Queenhithe; John de Gloucestre, Roger le Chaundeler, Robert le Pymakere and Richard Hope of the Ward of Bredestrete—say that on the preceding Thursday, after the hour of curfew, the above John Mulleward and Geoffrey de Herdwych, purse-cutters, had arrived quarrelling at St. Paul's churchyard near the gate of St. Augustine, when the said Geoffrey struck the said John with a knife called a "trenchour," inflicting a wound near the navel 2½ inches long and reaching the bowels and causing

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his immediate death; that the felon immediately fled, &c. Chattels none. The corpse viewed, &c. Precept to the Sheriffs, &c.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

John de la Chaumbre, by John de Stiltone, Walter Bovet.

Hugh de Brandone, by Henry de Chestre, Walter Deveneys.

Robert de Gildeford, by John de Godestowe, Nicholas Mason.

Adam de Karlel, by Thomas de Cornewayle, Thomas de Walyngford.

12. *On the death of Matilda la Cambestere and Margery her daughter.*

Walebroke.

Friday after the Feast of St. Ambrose [4 April] the same year [A.D. 1337], information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs, that Matilda la Cambestere and Margery her daughter aged one month, lay dead of a death other than their rightful death in a shop in the rent of the Prior of Tortynton'[1] in the parish of St. Swythyn in the Ward of Walbrok. Thereupon they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: William de Kryngesford, William de Norhampton, Roger de Bury, Robert le Engleys, William atte Yerde, Richard Byset, Geoffrey de Pykenham, Henry de Tortiton (?) John de Codham, William Hosebond, Walter Garlek and Thomas de Redlesworth—say that on the preceding Thursday, after the hour of curfew when the said Matilda and Margery lay asleep in the aforesaid shop a lighted candle which the said Matilda had negligently left on the wall, fell down among some straw and set fire to the shop so that the said Matilda and Margery were suffocated and burnt before the neighbours knew anything about it. The bodies viewed, &c.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

Nicholas Houtot, by John atte Fryt, William de Donstaple.

Robert Myngy, by John de Uptone, Thomas le Blake.

[1] The Prior of Tortington, co. Sussex, had a mansion house on the north side of the church of St. Swithin, Candlewick Street. It had been devised in 1286 to the Prior by Sir Robert Aguylon.—'Cal. of Wills, Court of Husting,' i. 75; *Cf.* Stow's 'Survey' (ed. Kingsford), ii. 315–16.

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John Myngy, by John de Donmowe, Roger le Coke.
Richard Pakeman, by Roger de Bury, John de Codham.

13. *On the death of John Wyot, "gardiner."*

Tower. Saturday after the Feast of St. Mark [25 April] the same year, information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs, that John Wyot, "gardiner," lay dead of a death other than his righful death in the rent of William de Preston in the parish of All Hallows de Berkynggchirche in Tower Ward. Thereupon they proceeded thither and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the two nearest Wards, viz.: Byllyngesgate and Alegate, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: Richard de Halstede, baker, John de Stowe, Henry le Cotiller, John de Colbrok, brewer, Ralph de Hastyng, tailor, Hamo le Smyth, William de Rochewelle, skinner, Henry Glovere, "coke," Robert le Coupere, Gy le Hurer, John de Shepye, Nicholas le Dyeghere, Ralph le Mason and John Gody of Tower Ward; Richard de Grenstede, Robert Thomelyn, Stephen de Royston, tailor, and Robert Muriet, tailor, of the Ward of Byllyngesgate; Ralph Honteman, Ralph le Haltrer', and Daniel le Peleter of the Ward of Alegate—say, that on the preceding Monday, about the hour of Vespers, John Doget was fighting with John Brede, "lokyere," on a certain place called "Romelonde"[1] in the parish of All Hallows aforesaid, when John Wyot, "gardiner," tried to pacify them; that thereupon John Doget assaulted him with a short knife, inflicting a mortal wound an inch and a half long and 3 inches deep, whereof he died the same day, and that the felon was arrested and taken to Neugate.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:
Walter Clenhond, by William Scot, William le Tylere.
John le Hurer, by Robert Horn, Thomas le Bonde.

[1] A name given to an open space near a dock where ships could discharge. The Romelonde here mentioned is described in a deed a° 1 Eliz. as "a plott of grounde raylled abowte called Rome lande on the west parte of Byllyngesgate"—Hust. Roll, 250 (34). The churchwardens' accounts of the parish of St. Mary-at-Hill for the same year show the payment of one shilling for "bringing down ymages to Romeland to be burnt." There was also a "Roumelond" at Queenhithe.—'Cal. Letter-Book G,' p. 221: Stow's 'Survey' (ed. Kingsford), ii. 9.

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John atte Gate, by Simon Turgys, Hamo le Smythe.

Laurence le Skeppere, by Robert le Coupere, Vincent Sofoul.

14. *On the death of Robert de Berdene, carpenter.*

Cordewaner-strete.

Wednesday before the Feast of SS. Philip and James [1 May] the same year, information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that Robert de Berdene, carpenter, lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in the rent of Nicholas de Sandwich in the parish of All Hallows de Bredestrete in the Ward of Cordewanerstrete. Thereupon they proceeded thither and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the Ward of Bredestrete they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: John atte Gate, Adam de Pounfreyt, Walter Joye, John de la Marche, Henry de Suttone, Roger le Chaundeler, John le Sackere and Henry Coleman of the Ward of Cordwanerstrete; Adam de Farndone, Simon de Shayham, Thomas de Geldeford and William atte Welle of the Ward of Bredestrete—say that on the said Wednesday, the aforesaid Robert de Berdene, after dinner, ascended a ladder to repair a gutter of the house of the said Nicholas in the parish of All Hallows aforesaid, when he was thrown to the ground by the breaking of a rung and immediately died. The ladder appraised at 4*d.* for which John de Northhalle, one of the Sheriffs, will answer. The corpse viewed, &c. Precept to the Sheriffs to attach four nearest neighbours.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

Richard de Betoygne, by Peter Larmourer, Gilbert de Lincoln.

John de Bredestrete, by Walter de Bamtone, William de Bannebury.

John de Hyntone, by John de Berkyngge, Henry de Suttone.

Nicholas de Sandwych, by John atte Gate, Walter Joye.

15. *On the death of John de Forde, chaplain.*

Farndone Within

Saturday after the Feast of SS. Philip and James [1 May] the same year, information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that John de Forde, a chaplain, lay dead of a death other

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than his rightful death in the High Street opposite the church of St. Michael "atte Corne"[1] in the same parish, in the Ward of Farndone Within. Thereupon, they proceeded thither and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Crepulgate, Castle Baynard and Bredestrete, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: Robert Russel, Henry le Mazerer, Stephen le Mazerer, Robert le Foundour, Robert Peytevyn, Thomas Welysman, Robert de Herlawe, William de Blythe, Simon de Braynford, "brewere," William de Bredestrete, John de Bermyngham, William atte Barnet, Stephen le Fruter, John de Lekenore, Thomas de Estwyk, "chaundeler," William Neucomen of the Ward of Farndone Within; Roger le Naylere, William de Iseldone, Richard Hansum, John de Polberwe, Thomas Jay and John Coterel of the Ward of Crepulgate, William atte Cornere, Nicholas de Braye, John Syward, John de Styltone, Adam de Bedeford and Thomas de Baldok of the Ward of Castle Baynard; John de Godeson, John de Gloucestre, goldsmith, Ralph de Northfolk, John atte Pole and John de Kent, carpenter, of the Ward of Bredestrete—say that a quarrel having broken out some time since between Ela, wife of Sir Robert Filz Payn, and the aforesaid John, the said Ela persuaded Hugh Lovel, her brother, Hugh de Colne, John le Stronge, late her servants, Hascuph Nevil, a chaplain, and John de Tyndale, to kill him; that accordingly on the preceding Friday after the hour of Vespers, they waylaid him in Shepe[2] [*sic*] opposite Bredestrete, and whilst the said Hasculph engaged him in pleasant conversation, the said Hugh Lovel, Hugh de Colne and John le Stronge met them in "Fasteslane,"[3] and that thereupon the said Hugh Lovel struck the said John de Forde secretly with a knife called "anelaz" on the throat, whilst Hugh de Colne and John le Strong struck him with their knives called "Longknives" on the belly inflicting mortal wounds of which he died; that the said Hugh, Hugh, John le Stronge, Hasculph and John

[1] Lat. *ad bladum*, so called from its vicinity to a corn-market. Also known as St. Michael le Quern.—See Stow's 'Survey' (ed. Kingsford), i. 341-2.

[2] Probably, an error for Chepe.

[3] St. Vedast Lane, otherwise Foster Lane.

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de Tyndale fled, but whither, &c., the jurors know not. Chattels none. Being asked who were present when it happened, the jurors say Robert Russel, "paternoster," William Neucomen and Michael le Hattere. The corpse viewed, &c. Precept to the Sheriffs, &c. Those present attached, viz.:

Robert Russel, by James de Kent, "pottere," Roger Russel.

William Neucomen, by John de Saxthorpe, John Body, "sadelere."

Michael le Hattere, by John Scot, "hattere," John Syward, "sadelere."

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

Robert de Clactone, by Geoffrey atte Gate, Andrew de Essex.

Andrew de Shecchefford, by John de Yvilane, Thomas le Waryner.

Richard Sorel, by John de Felstede, John Russel.

Hugh le Marberer, by John de Hereford, John Cole.

Attached is a writ addressed to John de Shirburne, late Coroner of the City,[1] bidding him bring up the indictment against Hugh de Colne, then a prisoner in Newgate. Witness the King at Westminster 6 June 16 Edward III. [A.D. 1342]. The writ endorsed to the effect that the Coroner had done as commanded.

16.—On Monday after the Feast of Invention of Holy Cross [3 May] the same year, Thomas de Bristoll who had lost his right eye took refuge in the Church of the Friars of the order of St. Mary of Mount Carmel[2] in Fletestrete in the Ward of Farndone Without and confessed before John de Shirbourne, the Coroner, that on Thursday after the Feast of St. Matthias [24 Feb.] a° 11 Edward III. [A.D. 1336–7] he killed a certain John Mulleward, a purse-cutter in St. Paul's Churchyard[3] but refused to surrender. Chattels none. Afterwards, he escaped by night.

[1] Shirburne was deputy-coroner as late as June, 1341, when he appears to have been succeeded by John de Foxtone ('Cal. Letter-Book F,' pp. 255, 256).

[2] Carmelites or White Friars.

[3] *Vide supra*, p. 182.

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17. *On the death of Nicholas Ruffyn, "fuster."*[1]

Aldresgate Thursday after the Feast of St. Dunstan [19 May] the same year, information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that Nicholas Ruffyn, "fuster," lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in the rent of Richard de Burstede in the parish of St. John Zakary, in the Ward of Aldresgate. Thereupon they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the Ward of Walbroke where the said Nicholas was said to have been wounded[2] and two nearest Wards, viz.: Crepulgate and Farndone Within, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—Thomas de Cauntebrigge, John "Porrye," Richard de Dernham, Thomas le Geldere, John de Chaumpaigne, Thomas de Wyrcestre, Nicholas de Tothale, Richard Maderman, Thomas de Whitenham, Gilbert Bokeler, Ranulph de Salop,' John le Goldbetere, William Brithnothe and John de Kent of the Ward of Aldresgate; John de Bury, Elyas de Thorp, William de Salop,' Walter de Cornubia, Walter Page, William de Lycheberwe, Thomas de Oxon' and Richard de Stykeneye of the Ward of Walebrok; John Coterel, Richard de Pycheford, William de Iseldone, Roger Nayllere, John atte Mersshe, Roger de Suttone, Richard atte Hawe, John de Polberwe and William Payn of the Ward of Crepulgate; John Lulle, Henry le Keu, Thomas Palett', and Simon de Wendene, "sadelere," of the Ward of Farndone Within—say that on the 26th April a° 11 Edward III. [A.D. 1337] after the hour of Vespers, one "Gyot" Rumbys assaulted the above Nicholas in the High Street of Walbroke opposite the rent of John de Triple in the parish of St. Stephen, and cut his left hand with a knife called "baselard," severing a finger, of which wound he died on the Thursday aforesaid; that the said "Guyot" fled, but whither they know not. Chattels none. Precept to Sheriffs, &c.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

John le Goldbetere, by John Burdeyn, John "Porre."

[1] Maker of the wood-work of saddles, saddle-bows. Lat. *fuista, fuistarius.*—See 'Cal. Letter-Book K,' p. 37.

[2] *Vide supra*, p. 156 n.

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Nicholas de Tothale, by William de Salop', Thomas de Wyrcestre.

Thomas de Cauntebrigge, by Gilbert Bokeler, John de Kent.

Robert de Clactone, by Thomas de Whytenham, Richard de Bernham.

18. *On the death of John de Wyndleshore, "shereman."*

Monday before the Feast of St. Barnabas [11 June] the same year, information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that John de Wyndleshore, "shereman," lay dead of a death other than his rightful death on the wharf of Queenhithe, in the parish of St. Michael, in Queenhithe Ward. Thereupon they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward, and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Vintry, Castle Baynard and Bredestrete, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: Hugh Filz Roger, William de Neuport, Peter de Wandlyngbourgh, Henry de Adderbury, "keu," Nicholas de Lombhuthe, "coupere," Nicholas le Lastere, John Laudian, John de London, "tapicer," and Walter le Gardiner of Queenhithe Ward; John le Frensshe, Laurence le Coroner, Philip de Shepyngdone, Gilbert le Leche and Adam Banastre of the Ward of Vintry; John de Kymbolton, John Syward, John de Godestowe and Adam de Bedeford of the Ward of Castle Baynard; Thomas de Westmenstre, John de Farnham, Thomas de Crokesle and John Fevere, clerk, of the Ward of Bredestrete—say that on the Feast of Pentecost [8 June] at the hour of Vespers, the aforesaid John de Wyndleshore and John Wymark were fighting on Queenhithe wharf, when Richard son of the said John Wymark, and late servant of Henry Monqoi, fishmonger, suddenly came up, and drawing a long knife, therewith struck the said John de Wyndleshore in the back, inflicting a mortal wound two inches long and five inches deep, so that he immediately died; that the said Richard fled, but whither they know not. Chattels none. Being asked if the said John Wymark aided and abetted the felony, the jurors say No. The corpse viewed, &c. Precept to the Sheriffs, &c. *Queenhithe*

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The above John Wymark, who was present, has nothing in the City whereby he can be attached.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

William le Keu, "Metere," by John de Byle, John Wade.

John de Dyttone, by William le Coroner, Thomas de Leddrede.

Hugh Filz Roger, by William le Keu, Nicholas le Lastere.

John le Coroner, by John Laudian, Henry le Keu.

Writ attached addressed to the Sheriffs and Coroner bidding them bring up the indictment of Richard Wymark de Sythyngbourne [1] for the death of the above John de Wyndleshore. Witness the King at "Querendone" [2] 26 Nov. 11 Edward III [A.D. 1337].

19. *On the death of John, son of William de Redebourne, "skynnere."*

Portesokene Monday before the Feast of St. Botolph [17 June] the same year, information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that John, son of William de Redebourne, "skynnere," aged 16 years, lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in a ditch called "Houndesdych," opposite the rent of the Prior of Holy Trinity, in the parish of St. Botolph, in the Ward of Portesokene, in the suburb of London. Thereupon they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: Walter Cobbe, Walter Gamelyn, William Ladyl, Arnald le Quilter, Adam de Norhamptone, "taillour," William Hereward, Geoffrey le Doubbere, John le Hodere, John de Yelham, "smyth," Ranulph le Pottere, John de Bysshopestone and John Burgeys, "taillour"—say that on Trinity Sunday last [15 June] in the afternoon, the above John was bathing alone in Houndesdych when he was drowned.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

Roger Horold, by William atte Gate, Walter Russe.

Walter le Cartere, by Thomas de Norwych, John le Hodere.

Peter de Westone, by Simon le Hodere, John le Hosyere.

John de Romeneye, by William Ladyl, William Hereward.

[1] Sittingbourne. [2] Quarrendon, co. Bucks.

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20. *On the death of John, son of William atte Noke, "chaundeler."*

Saturday after the Feast of Native St. John [24 June] the same year, information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that the above John atte Noke lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in the house of his father, William, in the parish of St. Mary de Abbechirche in the Ward of Candelwykestrete. Thereupon, they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: Thomas de Wynton', John atte Dyche, Robert le Chaundeler, Walter de Cornwaylle, Robert atte Rye, Simon le Plommer, Thomas atte Dyche, Robert de Osprenge, taverner, John Vanne, barber, Robert de Colham, "taillour," William de Breydestone, Thomas Baudri and Richard de Benstede—say that on Tuesday in Pentecost week last passed the said John got out of a window in the rent of John de Wynton', "plommer," to recover a ball lost in a gutter at play, when he accidentally fell and so injured himself that he died on the Saturday following, of the fall. *Candelwyk-strete*

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

William de Bockyng, by William le Lyndraper, Thomas le Palmere.

Thomas de Wynton', by William de Bradestone, Walter Goce.

Henry atte Lanende, by John atte Grove, William de Kyngestone.

Thomas Baudry, by Walter Mounde, John de Farnham.

21.—Friday after the Feast of SS. Peter and Paul [29 June] the same year, John son of Robert de Barkere of Elsham, co. York, fled into the church of St. Antonin in the Ward of Cordewanerstrete and there confessed before the Coroner and Sheriffs that he was a robber, having on the previous Thursday robbed Alan de Osgodby in the Ward of Bisshopesgate of a blanket, four sheets, and a coverlet for a bed, worth 14s. He refused to surrender. Chattels none. Afterwards, he escaped by night.

22.—On Wednesday before the Feast of St. Margaret [20 July] *Neugate*

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the same year, Walter le Convers of Fletestrete died his rightful death in Neugate, being confined there for the sum of 10s. due to John Flemyng in a plea of trespass. The corpse viewed, &c.

23. *On the death of William de Wygemelle, skinner.*

Cornhulle Friday the Feast of St. James [25 July], information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that William de Wygemelle, skinner, lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in the rent of John Yon in the parish of St. Michael de Cornhulle, in the Ward of Cornhulle. Thereupon, they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Langebourne, Bradestrete and Bisshop-[esgate], they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: Richard de Farneberwe, William Deer, John le Coupere, William de Bayone, William Horel, Roger le Drapere, "brewere," John Paterlyng, Robert atte Valeye, John de Alegate, Ranulph le Chaundeler, Richard de Claveryng, William de Braye, John de Benham and John de Hales of the Ward of Cornhull; John de Empyngham, Elyas de Norhamptone and John le Haftere of the Ward of Langebourne; Thomas Lyouns, Roger de Prestone, "dyeghere," Henry atte Boure, baker, Elyas le Coupere, Walter de Wynton', "peleter," and John de Kent of the Ward of Bradestrete; John Frere, William atte Cokke, Richard le Heymongere and William le Hornere of the Ward of Bisshopesgate—say that on the Wednesday preceding at midnight there came Simon de Shordiche, goldsmith, and John Mohant, "taillour," to the chamber of the above William in the rent of John Yon in Fynkeslane and enticed him to rise from his bed and go with them; that, when in the High Street of Cornhulle, the said Simon and John together assaulted him, the said John striking him on the head with a "balghstaff," and Simon hitting him on the top of the head with a knife having a three-edged point, causing mortal wounds whereof he died the same night. The said Simon and John immediately took flight, but whither, &c., the jurors know not. The corpse viewed, &c. Precept to the Sheriffs, &c.

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Four neighbours attached, viz.:

John atte Brendwode, by Henry Cutberd, William de Staunford.

Gilbert de Brauncestre, by Godefrey de Claveryng, Edmund Mohant.

Robert atte Conduyt, by Clement le Keu, John Eweyn.

John de Sarum, by Roger de Bromleye, Richard de Yetyng.

24. *On the death of Walter de Okele.*

Sunday after the Feast of St. James [25 July] the same year information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that Walter de Okele, a groom of Thomas Trott of the Royal Household, lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in the rent of William de Caustone in the parish of St. Bride in Fletestrete, in the Ward of Farndone Without. Thereupon, they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: John le Vannere, Thomas de Northhalle, William de Holbourne, "taillour," Michael de Colcestre, barber, Geoffrey de Pecham, Robert Pychard, Geoffrey Lefhog, Gilbert atte More, John de Somersete, "taillour," William le Gardiner, "keu," John de Ebor', brewer, and John le Latoner—say that on the preceding Saturday, at dusk, William Bolde, a groom of Robert de Middletone of the Royal Household, privily wounded the above William de Okele in Fletestrete with a short knife on the neck, inflicting a mortal wound an inch and a-half long and 6 inches deep whereof he died at midnight. The felon fled, &c. Precept, &c. *Farndone Without*

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

John le Vannere, by John de Somersete, William de Holbourne.

Andrew le Hornere, by John Lefhog, Stephen le Keu, brewer.

Thomas de Northhalle, by William de Pecham, Ralph le Bowyere.

John Elys, by Richard Rofot, John Rote.

25.—Thursday after the Feast of St. Peter ad Vincula [1 Aug.] the same year, Stephen de Holand died his rightful death in *Neugate*

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Neugate where he was confined for the sum of 36*s.* due on arrears of account to Thomas Oliver, "stokfisshmongere," in the Sheriff's Court. The corpse viewed, &c.

26. *On the death of John de Kent, mendicant.*

Castle Baynard

Monday after the Feast of St. Laurence [10 Aug.] the same year, information given the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs, that John de Kent, a mendicant, aged 12 years, lay dead of a death other than his rightful death under the wharf of John de Swanlond, draper, in the parish of St. Andrew in the Ward of Castle Baynard. Thereupon, they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: John de Hales, William le Whyte, Henry Stokfysshe, Peter Brongore, Walter Bonet, Hugh de Lyncestre, John de Lelham, John de Kendale, brewer, Richard de Wasshforde, John de Kenebarton, John de la More and John Baret—say that on the preceding Sunday, the said John de Kent stood alone after dinner on the wharf of Ambrose de Newburgh in the parish of St. Andrew aforesaid, the river Thames being then full, when he by accident fell in and was drowned.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:
William Potenhale, by John Baret, Peter Brongore.
William le Whyte, by William de Lelham, Robert de la More.
John de Hales, by Robert le Tornour, Thomas le Keu.
Thomas le Keu, by John Bonet, James Fairhod.

27. *On the death of William Bonefaunt, skinner.*

Candelwykstrete

Monday after Feast of Decollation St. John Bapt. [29 Aug.] the same year, information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that William Bonefaunt, skinner, lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in the rent of William de Bokkyng, "plommer," in the parish of St. Clement in the Ward of Candelwykstrete. Thereupon, they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: Walter de Mereseye, Thomas de

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Bedeford, John atte Hulle, Thomas de Mortone, Roger Stille, "taillour," John Rofot, William le Plommer, Robert atte Dyche, "plommer," William de Colkirk, Cristofor Scarbig, William atte Grove, John Giffard and John de Reyngham, "taillour"—say that on the preceding Sunday, at the hour of curfew, the above William, stood drunk, naked and alone, on the top of a stair in the aforesaid rent for the purpose of relieving nature when by accident he fell head foremost to the ground and forthwith died. The stair appraised at 6*d.* for which William de Brykelworth, one of the Sheriffs, will answer.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

Adam de Pontesbury, by John atte Dyche, Richard Turk.

Thomas de Mortone, by John de Oundele, Adam de Canefeld.

John de Redynge, by William Knyght, John Odierne.

Ralph Oliver, by Simon le Keu, Thomas Doget.

28. *On the death of William de Tadmerstone.*

Farndone Within

Wednesday after the Feast of Nativ. B.V. Mary [8 Sept.] the same year, information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that William de Tadmerstone, servant of Master Richard de Wynteworth, lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in the rent of Master Henry de Iddesworth in the parish of St. Faith in the Ward of Farndone Within. Thereupon they proceeded thither and having summoned good men of that Ward, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: John Spray, Simon atte Gate, Robert le Foundour, Thomas de Redyng, William le Clerk, Geoffrey de Langeleye, Adam le Chaundeler, William de Wynton', Robert de Egham, William de Brodok, "taillour," Nicholas de Hereforde, hatter, and John Knyght—say that on the preceding Tuesday, after the hour of curfew, the above William was descending by a stair from a solar in the aforesaid rent, when he accidentally fell and broke his neck. The stair appraised at 8*d.* for which John de Northhalle, one of the Sheriffs, will answer.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

Robert le Foundour, by William West, Michael le Hattere.

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William le Clerk, by John Chaundeler, John Ropere.
Geoffrey de Langele, by Eadmund Friday, John de Enfeld.
John Spray, by Richard Cristemasse, Gilbert le Brewere.

29. *On the death of William Russel.*

Bridge Thursday after the Feast of Nativ. B.V. Mary [8 Sept.] the same year, information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that William Russel lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in the house of Walter de Mordone in the parish of St. Michael in la Crokedelane in the Ward of Bridge. Thereupon they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: Thomas de Ware, William de Huntyngdon, John Abel, Richard Elys, William Oliver, William de Mordone, Henry de Braughyng, John Gubbe, Gilbert de Mordone, Gilbert le Dyeghere, Thomas le Brewere, Thomas Oliver, Richard le Gildere, John atte Hulle, William de Rochyng, William atte Lanende, John Lovekyn, and Ralph de Lenne—say that on Sunday the Feast of St. Laurence [10 Aug.] a° 11 Edward III. [A.D. 1337] the above Walter de Mordone and his whole family were playing in the fields after dinner, except the above William Russel and John Paul, who remained behind to guard the house of the said Walter; that these two were engaged in a friendly game when the said William Russel fell over the said John Paul and in his fall, the point of the knife of the said John pierced the belly of the said William near the navel (the sheath of the knife having its point exposed) and inflicted a wound an inch deep and half an inch broad; that the said William and John continued to live together in the said house for three weeks, not despairing at all of the said William's life; but shortly afterwards the said John, perceiving that the said William was succumbing to the wound, took flight, but whither, &c., the jurors know not; that the said William died on Wednesday after the Feast of the Nativ. B.V. Mary, about sunset, of the wound. The corpse viewed, &c. Precept to the Sheriffs, &c.

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Four neighbours attached, viz.:
Walter de Mordone, by John Elys, Thomas atte Wyche.
William de Huntyngdone, by Adam Lovekyn, Peter de Ware.
Thomas de Ware, by William atte Lanende, John de Mordone.
Robert de Braye, by John Lucas, Stephen atte Hulle.

30. *On the death of Juliana Prykafeld, "lauendere."*

Wednesday after the Feast of Exaltation of H. Cross [14 Sept.] the same year, information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that Juliana Prykafeld, "lauendere," lay dead of a death other than her rightful death in the Hospital of St Katherine, in the parish of St. Botolph without Alegate in the Ward of Portesokene. Thereupon they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Tower, Alegate and Bisshopesgate, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: Adam le Taillour, John le Brewere, Henry le Girdelere, William de Kerdyf, Ralph le Cordewaner, Adam le Bakere, Roger le Coroner, Henry le Taillour, Geoffrey de Wynton' and Ralph "Letullere" (?) of the Ward of Portsokene; Henry atte Sonde, Robert Horn, William Serle and William le Peleter of Tower Ward; Daniel le Skynnere Nicholas de Ivyngho, Simon de Aspedene, Richard atte Weye, Walter le Barber and Ralph de Berdefelde, "taillour," of the Ward of Alegate; Richard Dachet, Adam de Hardyngham, Thomas le Mareschall, Geoffrey de Notyngham, John de St. Alban and Gilbert le Dyeghere of the Ward of Bisshopesgate—say that on the preceding Tuesday at midnight, Thomas le Longe of Sandwych, "skynnere," broke into the house held by the above Juliana under the Hospital of St. Katherine aforesaid, and attacked her with an "Irysshknyf," inflicting mortal wounds under the left breast and on her throat, whereof she immediately died; that thereupon the felon stole a strong-box containing money and jewels of the value of 10 marks and then fled, but whither, &c., the jurors know not. They further say that a certain Anne, a courtesan, living in the house, aided and abetted *Portsokene*

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the felony. Precept to the Sheriffs to attach the said Thomas and Anne, &c.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

John Elyot, by Alexander Cobbe, John le Hodere.

Richard de Parys, by John atte Hacche, Geoffrey le Waterledere.

Walter Cobbe, by Simon le Brewere, John Croyk.

John le Brewere, by Henry le Cotiller, Ralph le Taillour.

31.—Friday after the Feast of Exaltation of H. Cross [14 Sept.] the same year, William de Kyngesclere of co. Southampton took refuge in St. Paul's church and confessed before Richard de la Pole, the King's Butler and Coroner of London, and William de Brykelesworth one of the Sheriffs, that on Thursday in the week of Pentecost a° 11 Edward III. [A.D. 1337] he feloniously killed with a knife William Gilemyn of Kyngesclere in the vill of Kyngesclere co. Southampton, but refused to surrender. Chattels none. Afterwards, he escaped by night.

32.—The same Friday, William de Westone of Burton co. Staff. took refuge in St. Paul's and confessed before the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriff that on the aforesaid Thursday he had feloniously killed Robert de Stanton of Burton in the above vill of Burton, but refused to surrender. Chattels none. Afterwards, he escaped by night.

33. *On the death of John de Maldone.*

Langebourne Saturday, the Eve of the Exaltation of H. Cross [14 Sept.] the same year, information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that John de Maldone, "portour," lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in a well, in the rent held by Robert de Stratford, cordwainer, under Alexander de Watford, in the parish of St. Nicholas Hacon, in the Ward of Langebourne. Thereupon, they proceeded thither and having summoned good men of that Ward, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: Ivo le Coupere, John Ace, John de Asshindone,

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John de Bristolle, barber, William Wilde, Simon le Cotiller, John le Haftere, John de Camerwelle, Walter de Thaxstede, "taillour," John le Portreyour, Nicholas Markeday and Edward le Cordewaner—say that on the above Saturday the aforesaid John de Maldone was taken by Alexander de Watford to clean the aforesaid well, which, having no water therein, the said John descended but was overcome by the foul air and immediately died.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

Alexander de Watford, by William Sherman, Robert Trigge.

Robert de Stratforde, by John de Norwych, Robert Hakeneyman.

Ralph Toudeby, by John Alisaundre, John Joygnour.

Laurence de Canefeld, by John Gentil, Gilbert de Giseborgh.

34. *On the death of Thomas Skylful, "portour."*

Tuesday after the Feast of St. Matthew [21 Sept.] the same year, information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriff that Thomas Skylful, "portour," lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in the rent of John de Wolvertone in the parish of St. Dunstan, in Tower Ward. Thereupon they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward and also of the Ward of Queenhithe, where it was commonly said that the deceased met his death, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: Alan le Wolf, Philip le Wolleberer, William de Thele, Roger de Bontyngford, "taillour" John Phippe, Nicholas Quaynte, "taillour," Robert de Abyndone, John Albon, cordwainer, John de Westm[instre], William Braban, Walter de Welle, "skynnere" and John de Stantone, "maryner," of Tower Ward; William de Ware, John de Byxle, Henry de Cofforde and Richard de Stratford of the Ward of Queenhithe—say that on the preceding Friday, about the third hour when the aforesaid Thomas Skylful, John Dore and John Priour, "portours," were conveying a pocket (*poketum*) of "refus" wool, belonging to Walter Turk, in the High Street, opposite [the tenement] of William Prodhomme in the parish of St. Mary Montenhaut in the Ward of Queenhithe, the said Thomas slipped and by *Tower*

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accident fell; that he contrived to get up and entered the rent of John de Wolvertone aforesaid, where he lingered until the Tuesday aforesaid when he died. The pocket of wool appraised by William de Ware, Henry de Cofforde, John de Byxle and Richard de Stratford at 13*s.* 4*d.* for which William de Brynkelesworth, one of the Sheriffs, will answer.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

John atte Pole, by William de Thele, John Phippe.

Thomas Broun, by Alan le Wolf, Philip le Wolleberer.

Richard Concedien, by Roger de Bontyngford, "taillour," John Albon.

Richard Asselyn, by Robert de Abyndone, William Braban.

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ROLL G.

Roll of Pleas of the Crown from the Feast of St. Michael [29 *Sept.*] *a°* 12 *Edward III.* [A.D. 1338] *to the same Feast next following,* temp. *William de Pontefract and Hugh le Marberer, Sheriffs of London, John de Shirbourne being Coroner the same year, viz., part of the same year, under Michael Mygnoyt, the King's Butler, and part under Hugh Ulseby, the King's Butler.*

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1. *On the death of Richard, son of John Wrotham, cornmonger.*

Billing[esgate]

Tuesday after the Feast of St. Dyonisius [9 Oct.] a° 12 Edward III. [A.D. 1338], information given to John de Shirborne, the Coroner, William de Pontefract and Hugh le Marberer, Sheriffs of the City, that Richard, son of John de Wrotham, cornmonger, lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in the Thames opposite "Tykeneldeswharffe" in the parish of St. Mary atte Hull in the Ward of Billingesgate. Thereupon, they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: Robert de Hakeneye, Robert le Ropere, Robert de Brugge, Walter le Clerk, Richard de Grenstede, Michael de Essex, Laurence le Taillour, Roger de Ebor,' Robert de Derby, John le Kynge, cordwainer, Geoffrey de Wyntertone and Nicholas Dyeubeneye—say that on Saturday after the Feast of St. Michael [29 Sept.] last passed, at the hour of Vespers, the aforesaid Richard went alone upon the wharf called "Tykeneldeswharffe," the water of the Thames being full and flooding the said wharf, when by accident he fell into the river and was drowned.

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Four neighbours attached, viz.:

Michael de Essex, by John atte Loke and Henry le Metere.

Roger Sperlyng, by Walter atte Wharf and Henry Aleyn.

John le Dyeghere, by John Stacy and Stephen le Wodeberere.

John le Kyng, cordewaner, by William Scarlet and William le Chaundeler.

2. *On the death of Luke le Carpenter.*

Algate

Friday the Feast of St. Leonard [6 Nov.] the same year, information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that Luke le Carpenter lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in the rent of the Friars of the Order of Holy Cross [1] in the parish of St. Olave, in the Ward of Algate. Thereupon they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the Ward of Tower, where it was said the said Luke met his death, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: William Wymondeswold, Nicholas de Ivyngho, John Batekoc, Daniel le Skynnere and Thomas le Poleter of the Ward of Algate; Gilbert de Dullyngham, Robert Thomelyn, Nicolas le Dyeghere, William de Hereford, William Prat, Stephen Goby, William Serle, Robert le Coupere and Robert Horn of the Ward of Tower—say that on the preceding Thursday, about the hour of Vespers, the aforesaid Luke, who was an old man, mounted a ladder in order to repair a new building for the City's defence near the Tower, when he fell; that he was carried half-dead by his friends to the rent aforesaid, where he died the same night. The ladder appraised at *2d.*, for which William de Pontefract, one of the Sheriffs, will answer. The corpse viewed, &c. Precept to the Sheriffs, &c.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

William atte Basket, by John le Chaundeler and Ralph le Taillour.

Walter le Cook, by Richard le Fourbour, Peter de Heye.

[1] Crutched Friars.

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Stephen atte Conduyt, by Robert le Cordewaner and John le Taillour.

Laurence de Totenhale, by Simon le Totenhale and Laurence Mars.

3. *On the death of Alan de Sheffeld, "portour."*

Saturday before the Feast of St. Martin [11 Nov.] the same year, information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that Alan de Sheffield, "portour," lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in a brewhouse held by Johanna atte Lee of William Priour, in the parish of All Hallows de Berkyngchirch in Tower Ward. Thereupon, they proceeded thither and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the two nearest Wards, viz.: Billingesgate and Langebourne, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: Henry atte Sonde, Robert Thomelyn, Theobald le Hurer, Nicholas le Dyeghere, William Pat, Roger de Prestone, Henry le Cotiller, William de Rothewell, "skynnere," John Hereward, Stephen Goby, Robert le Skynnere and John de Boseworth of Tower Ward; Simon Cook, "webbe," Hugh Joye, "webbe," Peter de Guldeford, cordwainer, John de Waltham, "webbe," Thomas atte Knolle, carpenter (*faber*) and Richard le Taillour of the Ward of Billingesgate; John de Bokenham, John de Whitefeld, Robert le Taillour, John de Seleby, "skynnere," William de Wygt, cordwainer and William Tropynel of the Ward of Langebourne—say that the above Alan de Sheffeld, John de Jernemue, William de Westcote and Hugh de Louthe, porters, were sitting drinking in the said brewhouse on the preceding Friday at the hour of curfew when the said Alan and John commenced quarrelling; that the said William de Westcote and Hugh left them in the brewhouse which soon afterwards they also left; and thereupon the said John de Jernemue struck the said Alan on the throat with a knife called "thwytel," inflicting a mortal wound 3 inches deep and an inch and a half broad. The felon fled, but whither, &c., the jurors know not. Chattels none. Precept to the Sheriffs, &c. *Tower*

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Those present attached, viz. :

William de Westcote, by Walter de Mordone and John Gubbe.

Hugh de Louthe, by John Strogull and William le Skynnere de Flaxtone.

Four neighbours attached, viz. :

William Priour, by John le Brewere and Ralph le Taillour.

Guy le Hurer, by Richard Fysshe and Ralph le Mason.

Roger atte Ponde, by Richard de Horewode and Robert Horn.

John le Hurer, by William le Taillour and Robert le Coupere.

4. *On the death of John le Brewere*

Farndone Without

Thursday before the Feast of St. Edmund the King [20 Nov.] the same year, information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that John le Brewere lay dead of a death other than his rightful death on the river side of the Flete in the parish of St. Bride in the Ward of Fardone Without. Thereupon, they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the Ward of Farndone Within, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz. : [William] de Toppesfeld, William de Waltham, John de Boseworthe, Peter le Quissoner, Robert de Asshe, Richard * * * John Grigg, Edmund de Gerbaldesham, "cordewaner," William de Abyndone, cook, Gilbert atte * * * Robert Pikard, Alexander le Frensshe, and Adam de Petertone of the Ward of Farndone Without; William de Gloucestre, * * * Huberd, Henry Knyght, John atte Watere, Peter de Norwych, taverner, and Walter le Barber of the Ward of Farndone Within—say that on the preceding Tuesday, John Bercard and Alexander Gydetty, merchants of Florence, were searching the streets of the City from sunrise until the third hour for John le Brewere and four other men, whose names the jurors know not, in order to arrest them for a robbery of money and goods committed on them on Tuesday last in the high road between Romford and Brendewode co. Essex; that the said John le Brewere seeing them coming in the parish of St. Nicholas Shambles took refuge in Paul's Wharf, where he entered the river

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the tide being low, intending to make his way, under cover of the wharves to Flete bridge, but the tide rising in the meantime he was drowned. There were found upon his body 160 florins, each florin being worth 4*s.* of which the merchants had been robbed, and John Bercard's seal. The money and seal remain in the custody of Hugh le Marberer, one of the Sheriffs. Precept to the Sheriffs, &c.

Four neighbours attached, viz. :

Simon Larmourer, by Thomas de Bandone and Robert le Sherman.

William de Toppesfeld, by Robert Raby and William Sterre.

Robert de Asshe, by Gilbert atte More and Stephen le "Ku."

Reginald de Thorpe, by Andrew le Hornere and William de Stanford.

Writ of certiorari to the Sheriffs and Coroner touching the above. Witness Edward Duke of Cornwall, Earl of Chester, the King's son, Warden of England,[1] at Kenyngton 15 Nov. 12 Edward III. [A.D. 1338].

Writ to the Sheriffs of London bidding them return the money and seal to the above John Bercard and Alexander Gydette of which they had been robbed. Witness Edward Duke of Cornwall, &c., at Kenyngton, 22 Nov. 12 Edward III. [A.D. 1338].

5. *On the death of William Proudfot*

Thursday the Feast of St. Andrew [30 Nov.] the same year, in- *Bridge*
formation given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that William Proudfot lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in the rent of John Turk in the parish of St. Magnus in Bridge Ward. Thereupon they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: Robert Swote, John de Croydone, Robert de Stoctone, Richard Double, Alexander Turk, John le Leche, John Ingram, Roger le Chaundeler, Dionisius Froysshe, John Greyland,

[1] The King himself being in Flanders.

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Ralph Basset and Robert Stacey, barber,—say that on Monday the Feast of St. Andrew [30 Nov.] William Proudfot, at the hour of curfew, was descending a stair in the rent aforesaid, when he accidentally fell and broke his right thigh; that he lingered until the following Thursday when he died of the fall. The corpse viewed, &c. The stair appraised by the jurors at 8*d.*, for which William de Pontefract, one of the Sheriffs, will answer.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

Robert Swote, by Henry Graspais and Thomas Doget.

John Turk, by John le Littele and Geoffrey Fairher.

John de Croydone, by John Cotekyn and Thomas de Bery.

William Annore, by Richard de Gloucestre and Robert de Caumpes.

6. *On the death of Matilda la Lauendere.*

Farndone Without

Wednesday after the Feast of St. Nicholas [6 Dec.] the same year, information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that Matilda Lauendere lay dead of a death other than her rightful death in the rent of the Earl of Lincoln in the parish of St. Andrew de Holbourne[1] in the Ward of Farndone. Thereupon, they proceeded thither and having summoned good men of that Ward, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: Richard atte Gate, Payn le Brewere, John de Hendone, Richard de Ledrede, Stephen de Kyngestone, Walter de Eggeswere, Richard de Hendone, Thomas le Brewere, Hugh de Whigt, Gilbert atte More, Richard de Gloucestre and Henry Knyght—say that the said Matilda died her rightful death and not of any felony. The corpse viewed on which no hurt appeared.

7. *On the death of William, son of John de Cublingtone.*

Farndone Without

Friday after the feast of St. Lucia V. [13 Dec] the same year, information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that

[1] Probably on, or near, the site of the modern Lincoln's Inn. Henry de Lacy, Earl of Lincoln, whose will was proved in the Court of Husting in 1311 (see Cal. of Wills, i. 218), had a daughter Alice, who married as her first husband Thomas Earl of Lancaster, Lord of the Manor of the New Temple, and called herself Countess of Lincoln. She died in 1348.—Stow, 'Survey' (ed. Kingsford), ii. 372.

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William, son of John de Cublingtone, lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in the rent of Robert le Goldesmyth, in the parish of St. Andrew de Holbourne in the Ward of Farndone Without. Thereupon they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: John Tavy, Roger Costantyn, John Chise, Robert de Clyderowe, Richard le Tieghlere, Nicholas le Correour, Richard de Ledrede, Stephen de Kyngestone, Richard de St. Giles, William Pyn[ner] Richard le Harneysmakyere and William le Mareschall—say that the said William died his rightful death, and not of any felony. The corpse viewed, &c.

8. *On the death of Margery, daughter of Adam Lopechaunt.*

Friday after the Feast of Epiphany [6 Jan.] a° 12 Edward III. [A.D. 1338—9], information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that Margery, daughter of Adam Lopechaunt, aged 3½ years, lay dead of a death other than her rightful death in the rent of the Prior of the Hospital of St. Mary Without Bisshoppesgate,[1] in the parish of All Hallows the Great, in the Ward of Douuegate. Thereupon they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: Roger de Waltham, John Henneye, John le Marlere, William de Douuegate, Adam le Coupere, Auncel' le Skynnere, John de Stanes, Hugh de Spaldyng, William Sylward (?) William de Reygate, William de Essex and John de Slappeleye—say that on the preceding Tuesday, about the hour of Vespers, the said Margery entered the house of Thomas le Irysshman in the parish aforesaid and by accident fell into a vessel of hot water and was scalded; that she lingered until the Friday aforesaid when she died. The vessel appraised at 12*d.* for which William de Pontefract, one of the Sheriffs, will answer. *Douuegate*

[1] Known also as St. Mary Spital founded by Walter Brune or Browne, one of the Sheriffs of London (A.D. 1203–4), for the relief of the poor. Suppressed *temp.* Henry VIII.—Stow, 'Survey' (ed. Kingsford), i. 166–7, ii. 144.

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Four neighbours attached, viz.:

Bartholomew Deumars, by Robert atte More and Henry de Prestone.

William Brangweyn, by William le Chaundeler and Nicholas de Reygate.

John de la Rokele, by John de Waltham and John Gutt'.

Thomas de Ispania, by John de Crowestok and Adam le Coupere.

Neugate

9.—Thursday before the Feast of St. Valentine [14 Feb.] 13 Edward III [A.D. 1338—9] Richard de Shrouesbury, "taborer,"[1] died his rightful death in Neugate prison where he was confined for *2s.* due as damages to Stephen de Lincoln in a plea of trespass and 18*d.* likewise due to John le Plommer of the lane of St. Mary atte Naxe.[2] The corpse viewed, &c.

10. *On the death of Alice Warde of York.*

Farndone Without

Monday the morrow of St. Valentine [14 Feb.] the same year, information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that Alice Warde of York lay dead of a death other than her rightful death in he rent of John de Blackwell in the lane called "Faitoreslane"[3] in the parish of St. Andrew de Holbourne in the Ward of Farndone Without. Thereupon, they proceeded thither and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the Ward of Farnedone Within, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: John Thavy, William de Staunford, John de Stratford, Gilbert le Tieghlere, David de Tottebury, John de Somersete, Andrew le Hornere, Andrew le Coupere, Robert Chapman, Simon le Tieghlere, Richard de St. Giles, "taillour," and Adam le Latoner

[1] Perhaps a maker of tabours or small drums (Riley).

[2] The Church of St. Mary Axe was united in 1561 to that of St. Andrew Undershaft. It is said to have been so-called from its having among its relics one of the axes used for the beheading of the 11,000 virgins. — Stow, 'Survey' (ed. Kingsford), ii, 296.

[3] In Stow's time, "Fewtars" lane, "so called of Fewters (or idle people) lying there."—'Survey' (ed. Kingsford), ii. 39. Now Fetter-lane. "Faitour," "faytor" or "fayter," denotes an impostor, a cheat, especially a vagrant one (N.E.D).

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of the Ward of Farndone Without Richard le Bakere, William le Tornour, Richard atte Hull, Robert "intheleues," Robert Goldeneye, Henry le Bowyere, James le Flechere and Francis le Sadelere of the Ward of Farndone Within—say that on the preceding Sunday, at dusk, Geoffrey le Perler, a groom of the mistery of Lormerie[1] came to the rent where the above Alice was living, intending to find Emma de Brakkele, a harlot, and to lie with her, but failing to find her, a quarrel arose between the said Geoffrey and Alice; and that thereupon the said Geoffrey secretly drew his knife called "trenchour," and therewith struck the said Alice on the side under the right arm, inflicting a mortal wound 5 inches deep, so that she immediately died. The felon fled but whither &c., the jurors know not. Chattels none. The corpse viewed, &c. Precept to the Sheriffs, &c.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

John Prentiz, by John le Longe and John Neuport.

Roger Chauntecler, by John Chese and Walter Mosehacche.

John de Blacwell, by John Gyles and Robert le Mareschall.

John de Flaundene, by John Elys and John le Strengere.

11.—Tuesday after the Feast of St. Valentine [14 Feb.] the same year, John Wille died his rightful death in Neugate where he was confined for the theft of a horse from Reginald atte Wode. The corpse viewed, &c. *Neugate*

TEMP. HUGH DE ULSEBY, BUTLER OF THE LORD THE KING.

12.—Writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs to admit John de Shirbourne as Deputy-Coroner to the above Hugh as he was too busy to attend to the duties of the office of City Coroner. Witness Edward, Duke of Cornwall, &c., at Westminster, 24 Feb., 13 Edward III. [A.D. 1338–9].

13. *On the death of Alexander de Hadleye.*

Tuesday before the Feast of St. Gregory [12 March] a° 13 Edward III. [A.D. 1338–9], information given to John de Shir- *Douuegate*

[1] The manufacture of iron work for horse trappings and harness; whence the title of the Livery Company known as Lorimers or Loriners.

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bourne Coroner of London and William de Pontefract Sheriff of the City, that Alexander de Hadleye lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in the rent of the Abbess of the Minoresses without Alegate in the parish of St. John de Walbroke in the Ward of Douuegate. Thereupon, they proceeded thither and having summoned good men of that Ward, the Ward of Billinggesgate where it was commonly suspected that he met his death, and also of the two nearest Wards, viz.: Bridge and Candelwykstrete, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: John de Teukesbury, Stephen de Dureme, Hugh de Portesmuth, William de Chesham, Richard de Carletone and Ambrose de Wyndesore of the Ward of Douuegate; Ralph atte Pole, John de Navestok, John de Mockyng, William Hamond, Robert Bygot, Adam de Louthe, William le Longe, Simon Cook, "webbe," John Doget and Henry de Enefeld of the Ward of Billynggesgate; William de Braughyng, Roger le Chaundeler, Richard Elys, John de Braughyng, Adam Lovekyn, William Olyver, John de Herkstede and Ralph le Taverner of the Ward of Bridge; William de Wetheresfeld and John Gubbe of the Ward of Candelwykstrete—say that the aforesaid Alexander died from a long existing infirmity called "postume,"[1] and of no felony.

14. *On the death of John de Bury, cordwainer.*

Crepulgate Within

Thursday before the Feast of St. Gregory [12 March] the same year, information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that John de Bury, cordwainer, lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in the rent of Thomas de Farndone, in the parish of St. Peter de Wodestret in the Ward of Crepulgate Within. Thereupon they proceeded thither and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the two nearest Wards, viz.: Farndone Within and Bredstrete, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: William de Caumpedene, Hugh de Bokyngham, William de Cherteseye, Robert atte Grene, John de Epesham, "chaundeler," William de Dontone, John de Gatesdene, "brewere," John de Kent, "hanaper,"[2] Thomas de Berkyng,

[1] Or "impostume," an abscess.

[2] A basket or hamper-maker.

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Michael de Sarum, John de Pountfreit and Henry Flynt of the Ward of Crepulgate Within; John de Essex, Ralph Persshore, John Smart, Thomas "attehethe," Walter de Wy and John de Stokwell of the Ward of Farndone Within; Augustine de Donwyche and William atte Welle of the Ward of Bredstrete—say that on Sunday before the Feast of St. Peter in Cathedra [22 Feb.] last passed about midnight, Richard Latoner, a sub-clerk of the church of St. Mary Magdalene in Melkstrete, owing to a quarrel, wounded John de Bury with a sword on the right side of the head, inflicting a mortal wound 3 inches long and one inch deep, with which wound the said John lingered until Wednesday before the Feast of St. Gregory aforesaid and then died about the hour of Vespers The felon fled but whither, &c. Chattels none. The corpse viewed, &c. Precept to attach the felon when, &c.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

John de Wattone, by John de Wynchestre and Hugh le Keu.

Richard de Basyngstoke, by William de Walyngford and Andrew de Excestre.

Adam Walpol, by Simon de Dagenhale and William de Shrouesbury.

John de Totenham, by Fabian le Taillour and Walter le Barber.

15. *On the death of John, son of John le Waryner.*

The same Thursday before the Feast of St. Gregory [12 March], information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs, that John son of John le Waryner lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in a rent * * * in the parish of St. Michael called "Paternostercherch," in the Ward of Douuegate. Thereupon, they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the Ward of Walbroke, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: Richard de Bitterle, Luke de Bury, "taillour," John de Wylynghale, * * * Taillour, Thomas de Redynge, and Henry de Kent, "taillour," of the Ward of Douuegate; Simon * * * ner, Walter le Hore, Richard atte March, Thomas le Hore, Thomas de Shorne, Walter Garlek, R * * * Taillour, John de Uptone, John de Dunmowe, John *Douuegate*

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Codhom, Geoffrey de Hertwelle, Geoffrey * * * ham, and Henry atte Rose of the Ward of Walbroke—say, that on the preceding Sunday, at dusk, William Hosebond, "tawyere," met the above John, son of John le Waryner, in the lane called "Berbynders-lane" in the parish of St. Mary de Wolnoth[1] in the Ward of Walbroke, and a quarrel arising the said William struck the said John with a knife called "analaz" on the belly near the navel, inflicting a mortal wound penetrating the intestines, with which wound the said John lingered until Wednesday before the Feast of St. Gregory and then died about sunset. The felon fled, but whither, &c. Precept to the Sheriffs, &c.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

John Gutt', by Richard de Enefeld and John de Eynesham.

William Brangweyn, by Robert de Cnapwelle and Simon Rote.

Henry de Prestone, by John Trappe and Thomas de Chilham.

John Trappe, by Richard de Bitterle and William de Wygorn'.

16. *On the death of William Lauleye of Lutone.*

Chepe Saturday before the Annunciation B.M. [25 March] the same year, information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that William Lauleye of Lutone [co. Beds.] lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in the rent of Johanna de Refham in the parish of St. Mary de Colchirche in the Ward of Chepe. Thereupon they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: Robert de St. Maur, armourer, Roger de la Marche, Geoffrey de Wynchecoumbe, John atte Grove, Adam de Pernedone, Thomas atte Grove, William de Loangre, John atte Barnet, Thomas de Herlawe, John Prentiz, John Kyng, William atte Cas * * *, Thomas de Thrillowe, brewer, Roger le Fourbour and Stephen le Cotiller—say that on Sunday before the Feast of Conversion of St. Paul [25 Jan.] a° 12 Edward III. [A.D. 1338-9], about the hour of curfew, William de Kestevene, "taillour," struck the said William Lauleye near the Conduit in Chepe, with

[1] Stated elsewhere to be in the parish of St. Mary Woolchurch.—'Cal. of Wills,' ii. 226. Situate partly in Langbourn Ward and partly in Walbrook.

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a knife called "bidau," inflicting a wound under the left arm, an inch and a half deep and an inch broad; that the wounded man lived until Friday before the Feast of Annunciation, B.M. and then died about the hour of Vespers of the wound aforesaid. The felon fled but whither, &c., the jurors know not. The corpse viewed, &c. Precept to the Sheriffs, &c.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

Thomas de Cavendisshe, by William le Peautrer and Richard le Keu.

Robert Seynmore, by Richard Baldewyn and Geoffrey de Gedelestone.

John Deynes, by Peter le Keu and Thomas Canon.

Roger Deynes, by John de Laufare and Richard le Coffrer.

17. *On the death of Walter de Lychefeld, "keu."*

On the aforesaid Saturday, information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that Walter de Lychefeld, "keu," lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in the house of John de Pastone in the parish of All Hallows de Honilane in the Ward of Chepe. Thereupon they proceeded thither and having summoned good men of that Ward, they diligently enquired how it happened. *Chepe*

The jurors—viz.: Thomas de Maryns, Thomas de Waledene, Thomas Filz Michel, Adam de la Marche, Roger de la Tour, John Rose, Thomas Prentiz, Walter atte Gate, Richard de Horsham, Thomas Basset, Henry de Stauntone and John Busshe —say that the aforesaid Walter de Lychefeld, "keu," on the preceding Friday at dusk, was wounded in the belly by an arrow near Tibourne co. Middlesex, [1] of which wound he died. Who shot the arrow they know not.

18.—Tuesday after Palm Sunday [21 March] a° 13 Edward III. [A.D. 1338–9], Robert de Strete, "cordewaner," died his rightful death in Neugate prison, being confined there at the suit of Stephen Roger de Otteford for thieving his horse at Otteford [co. Kent]. The corpse viewed, &c. *Neugate*

[1] The fields at Tyburn offered opportunities for archery practice and sport.

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Neugate

19.—Wednesday after Palm Sunday [21 March] the same year, John de Westone died his rightful death in Neugate prison being confined there by appeal of Ralph son of Michael Fraunkeleyn, approver. The corpse viewed, &c.

20. *On the death of John Kyng, "currour."*

Farndone Without

Tuesday after the Feast of Annunciation B.M. [25 March] a° 13 Edward III. [A.D. 1339], information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that John Kyng, "currour," lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in the rent of the New Temple[1] in the parish of St. Dunstan in the Ward of Farndone Without. Thereupon they proceeded thither and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the Ward of Farndone Within, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: John Tavy, armourer,[2] John le Vannere, Robert le Mareschall, Robert Germayn, "taillour" John atte Pye, Alan de Fisshbourne, "taillour," Roger de Dene, "cotiller," Gilbert le Stryngere, Philip de Cokfeld, Thomas Goffe, Philip de la Launde of the Ward of Farndone Without; Robert "in the leues," Ralph atte Hulle, brewer, John de Gyppewyz, Henry le Bowyere, Thomas de Shytenaungre, James le Flecchere of the Ward of Farndone Within — ay hat John le Wyse, servant of the apprentices of the Court of the lord the King, on the Thursday preceding, about the hour of Vespers wounded the said John Kyng in the aforesaid parish with a long knife inflicting a mortal wound on his back seven inches deep and two inches broad; that the wounded man lingered until the following Monday when he died about sunset; that the felon fled into the church of the New Temple from which he escaped the same night. Chattels none. The corpse viewed, &c. Precept to the Sheriffs, &c.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

Hugh de Arderne, by David de Tuttebury and Walter Mushache.

[1] In contra-distinction to the Old Temple which stood near Holborn Bar.

[2] By his will dated 1348 and proved and enrolled in the Husting ('Cal. of Wills, Court of Hust. London,' i. 619-20) he left a hostel where his apprentices-of-law at one time lived (Thavies Inn), to be sold for the maintenance of a chantry.

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John le Vannere, by Gilbert le Tulere and Robert de Clyderowe.
William de Hales, by John le Brewere and John de Blacwelle.
Simon le Armourer, by Robert Petyt and John Broun.

21. *On the death of John Lynche, "wolleberer"*

Friday the Feast of St. Ambrose [4 April] a° 13 Edward III. [A.D. 1339], information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that John Lynche "wolleberer," lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in the High Street of Estsmethefeld opposite the rent of the Abbot of Coggesshale[1] in the parish of St. Botolph Without Alegate in the Ward of Portesokene. Thereupon they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward and of Tower Ward they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: John Symond, Robert atte Noke, Simon atte Corner, John de Comptone, Henry de Bathe, Walter de Waltham "cordewaner" of the Ward of Portesokene; Adam de Oxon', Richard le Fysshere, Richard le Chaundeler, Roger de Prestone, "taillour," John de Essex, "dyeghere," and Thomas de Jernemue of Tower Ward—say that on the preceding Thursday, about the hour of Vespers, the said John Lynche was walking alone in the High Street of Estsmethefeld when by reason of a quinsy (*squinacie*) from which he had long suffered he fell to the ground and died. The corpse viewed, &c. *Portsokene*

22. *On the death of William de Norhamptone.*

The same Friday, information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that William de Norhamptone lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in the rent of the Prior of the New Hospital of St. Mary Without Bisshopesgate in the parish of All Hallows the Great in the Ward of Douuegate. Thereupon they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the two nearest Wards, viz.: Vintry and Walebroke, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: John de Stanes, brewer, Thomas le Irysshman, Adam Lopchant, "keu," Adam le Coupere, Thomas de Adesham, "taillour," Anselin le *Douuegate*

[1] A Cistercian Abbey, co. Essex.

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Peleter, John de Henneye and William le Taverner of the Ward of Douuegate; John de Whytsand, John Groos, John le Bakere, John de Crichirche, Peter le Seler, Nicholas le Peleter, John le Keu, Osbert le Taillour, John Waps, John Wastel, Alexander de Romeseye, "taillour," and Peter Lopiz of the Ward of Vintry; Richard de Stykeneye and Thomas Fort, "couper," of the Ward of Walbroke—say that the aforesaid William de Norhamptone died his rightful death and not of any felony. The corpse viewed, &c.

Neugate 23.—On Sunday after the Feast of St. Ambrose [4 April] the same year, Richard de Horsham "mason," died his rightful death in Neugate prison, where he was confined for 10*s.* due to John de Alynton in a plea of trespass. The corpse viewed, &c.

24. *On the death of Robert de Holme of Berewyk.*

Bridge Friday after the Feast of St. Alphege [19 April] the same year, information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that Robert de Holme of Berewyk lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in the rent of Richard de Berkyng in the parish of All Hallows de Graschirche in Bridge Ward. Thereupon, they proceeded thither and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the two nearest Wards, viz.: Langebourne and Bisshopesgate, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: Roger de Notyngham, John de Oxon', Thomas de Chestre, "cordewaner," William de E * * pyngge. Simon le Barber, Richard Patryk, John Horn, "flemyng,"[1] Robert de Bristoll, "cordewaner," John de Na * * *, Roger le Spycer, Stephen de Hakeneye, Warin Fattynge, James atte Pirye, Nicholas le Mareschal, John le * * * Robert de Totenhale, "taillour," Thomas le Barber and John de Breynford, brewer, of Bridge Ward; William a[tte] Halle, William de Croydone and John de Bokenham of the Ward of Langebourne; John Drake, Simon atte Wall (?) John Frere and John de Aldebury of the Ward of Bisshopesgate—say that Robert

[1] He appears to have been one of those chosen by Bridge Ward in 1338 to safeguard the City.—'Cal. Letter-Book F,' p. 22.

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de Holme died his rightful death, and not of any felony. The corpse viewed, &c.

25. *On the death of Baldewyn Laap of "Cagent."*

Monday, the morrow of St. Mark Evang. [25 April] the same year, information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that Baldewyn Laap of "Cagent" lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in Thamisestret, in the parish of St. Dunstan near the Tower. Thereupon they proceeded thither, and, having summoned good men of that Ward, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: Adam Hurel, Edmund de Saunford, John de Salop', Alan Wolf, John Albon, Adam Pessok, Robert le Coupere, Richard le Chaundeler, Robert Horn, Thomas de Kelshulle, Henry Cros, Geoffrey de Wyntertone and Laurence de Braughyng—say that on the preceding Sunday, at the hour of Vespers, Arnold, son of John de Lescluse, struck the aforesaid Baldewyn with a knife called a "thwytel" in Thamisestret inflicting two mortal wounds on the belly near the navel, so that he fell to the ground and immediately died. The felon fled into the church of St. Dunstan and confessed his crime before the Coroner and Sheriffs. His chattels comprised the sum of 30*s.* in cash, found upon him in the said church, a gown and hood worth 16*d.*, six small hams (*perne parve*) worth 6*s.*, two florins found upon him worth 7*s.* 6*d.* Total 44*s.* 10*d.*, for which William de Pontefract, one of the Sheriffs, will answer. The corpse viewed, &c. Precept to the Sheriffs, &c. *Tower*

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

Richard Consedien, by Adam de Oxenford and Richard de Clopham.

Richard Asselyn, by William le Scot and John Bode.

Robert atte Culure, by John de Shepeye and Simon Whitberd.

Richard de Pelham, by Henry le Cotiller and Stephen Duke.

On the same Monday, the morrow of St. Mark, the above Arnold confessed before John de Shirbourne, the Coroner, and William de Pontefract, one of the Sheriffs, in the said church of St. Dunstan that he had feloniously killed the above Baldewyn,

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but refused to surrender to the peace. Afterwards, he escaped by night.

26. *On the death of John de Throm.*

Farndone Without

Wednesday after the Feast of St. John *ante portam latinam* [6 May] the same year, information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that John de Throm, of co. Devon, servant of William Casse, lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in the rent of the Bishop of St. Davyd [1] in the parish of St. Bride, in the Ward of Farndone Without. Thereupon they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: Walter atte Slowe, Peter le Quissiner, John le Beste, John de Boseworthe, Alan de Fisshbourne, "taillour," Thomas de Banham, Richard Rofot, John Grigge, Thomas Makerel, Gilbert atte More, Robert Pycard, Richard de Hestone—say that on the preceding Sunday, at the hour of midnight, the above John de Throm and a certain "Paskes" of the county of Cornwall, a groom of the kitchen, were quarrelling in the aforesaid rent, when the said "Paskes" struck the said John on the breast with a knife called "twytel," inflicting a mortal wound an inch long and 4 inches deep, whereof he died on the following Wednesday at day-break. The felon fled but whither, &c. Chattels, none. The corpse viewed, &c. Precept to the Sheriffs, &c.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

John Bele, by William de Waltham and Richard Bridd.

Thomas Gyles, by John Keggel and John atte Belle.

Roger Chauntecler, by Robert le Sherman and John atte Pye.

John Husqe, by Robert Rofot and John de Pelham, "sporiere."

27. *On the death of Roger de Ingelby, glover.*

Bridge

Sunday after the Feast of St. Dunstan [19 May] the same year, information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that Roger de Ingelby, glover, lay dead of a death other than his

[1] The Bishop of St. David had his inn or hostel on the north side of Bridewell.—Cf. *supra*, p. 58.

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rightful death in the High Street of London Bridge near the Chapel of St. Thomas[1] in the parish of St. Magnus in Bridge Ward. Thereupon they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors, viz.: John le Herde, "bocher," Roger Wynter. Anselin le Latoner, Richard Hagyn, Walter le Perler, Simon Peverel, Thomas Skile, William Levirnay, Thomas le Fourbour, William de Evre, John de Westmenstre, Thomas Houkyngge, John atte Hegge, Ailewyn le Hornere, Peter Godwene, Richard Anable, William Bisshoppe, glover, Thomas de Sothewerk, William Bate, Adam de St. Neot, Robert de Brunham, "schethere," Bartholomew le Boustrengere, and Robert de Stratford, "gurdelere," —say that on the preceding Saturday after the hour of Vespers, Roger de Glastyngbury, brewer, William Sharp of Glastyngbury and Elena his sister assaulted the said Roger de Ingelby on London Bridge, owing to a former quarrel between the said Roger and Elena, striking him on his left arm with a knife called "bydawe" inflicting a wound 2 inches long and penetrating to the bone; that the said Roger le Brewere also struck the said Roger de Ingelby with a knife called "thwytel" on the left breast, inflicting a mortal wound an inch broad and 7 inches deep, whereof he immediately died; that the said Roger le Brewere was captured and taken to Neugate prison, and the said William Sharp and Elena took flight. The corpse viewed, &c. Precept to the Sheriffs, &c.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

Robert Swote, by William le Fourbour and James le Hattere.

Roger le Chaundeler, by Henry de Dovere and Robert le Cotiller.

John Lambyn, by Stephen le Fourbour and Walter atte Nax.

William de Mordone, by John de Micham and John Breynt.

28. *On the death of John le Stolere.*

Monday after the Feast of St. Dunstan [19 May] the same year, information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that *Farndone Within*

[1] An inventory of articles in this chapel was delivered in 1350 to the chapel Wardens by the outgoing Wardens.—'Memorials,' pp. 263-4.

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John le Stolere, a pauper and mendicant, of the age of 7 years, lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in the High Street of Chepe in the parish of St. Vedast in the Ward of Farndone Within. Thereupon they proceeded thither and having summoned good men of that Ward, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: John de Hereford, William de Blythe, John Fitz Peter, John de Iddeshale, Robert de Shortecombe, John Smart, Henry de Asshbourne, John de Essex, John de Grandone, barber, John le Palmere, Nicholas de Tryllowe and Simon de Bevirle—say that on the aforesaid Monday, about sunrise, Ralph de Mymmes, aged 12 years, a groom of John Absolon, carter, was bringing a water-cart with a cask full of water belonging to his master down Chepe, the same being drawn by two horses, when a wheel of the cart crushed the said John Stolere as he sat in the street relieving nature (*secreta nature faciendo sedentem*) so that he immediately died; that the said William took fright and fled, leaving the cart, &c., but whither he went, they know not. The cart and horses, &c., appraised by the jurors at 20*s.* for which Hugh de Marberer, one of the Sheriffs, will answer. Precept to the Sheriffs, &c.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

Thomas Hardi, by Thomas Walshman and Ralph Mordak.

Ralph de Blythe, by Walter de Wyk and John de Stokwell.

William de Shordyche, by Nicholas Bonere and John Hardyng.

Maurice de Herlawe, by John de Waltone and William de Bristolle.

Neugate 29.—Sunday the octave of H. Trinity [23 May] the same year, Roger de Glastyngbury, brewer, died in Neugate prison, being confined there for the death of Roger de Ingelby, glover, whom he feloniously killed in Bridge Ward, for which he was indicted before the Coroner, and because he refused to justify himself by law before William Scot and Henry Darcy, Mayor, the Justices, he had been remitted to prison there to remain in penance until he died.

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30. *On the death of William Wombe, a cleanser of latrines* (mundatoris cloacarum) [1]

Friday after the Feast of St. Petronilla [31 May] the same year, information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that William Wombe lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in the Thames near Flete Bridge, in the parish of St. Bride, in the Ward of Farndone Without. Thereupon they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: William de Waltham, Thomas de Toppesfeld, Robert Cole, Henry de Petresfeld, Richard atte Barre, John le Beste, Alan de Fysshbourne, Alexander de York, "taillour," William Bronde, John Waillshman, cordwainer, Peter le Sporier, and John de Boseworth, junior—say that on the preceding Wednesday, at the hour of curfew, the aforesaid William entered the river at le Heywharf to wash himself, being alone, and was accidentally drowned; that the corpse was not found until the Friday aforesaid when the tide had carried it as far as Flete Bridge. The corpse viewed, &c. *Farndone Without*

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

Simon Larmourer, by Thomas de Bandone and Robert le Sherman.

William de Toppesfeld, by Robert Rabi and William Sterre.

Robert de Asshe, by Gilbert atte More and Stephen le Keu.

Reginald de Thorpe, by Andrew le Hornere and William de Stanford.

31. *On the death of Simon de Eggesfeld, "taillour."*

Tuesday after the Feast of St. Barnabas [11 June] the same year, information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that Simon de Eggesfeld lay dead of a death other than his rightful *Crepulgate*

[1] Or, perhaps, sewers; although the fact that public latrines are known to have abounded on the banks of the Thames and the Fleet, favours the above interpretation.—'Cal. Letter-Book G,' p. 50. In 1463 the Common Council ordered all the latrines near Bridewell to be abolished by a certain day.—'Cal. Letter-Book L,' p. 37.

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death in the rent of the Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's, in the parish of St. Mary de Aldermanbury in the Ward of Crepulgate. Thereupon they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: William atte Stake, Peter le Peyntour, Henry de Glouc [estre], glover, William de Hertwell, William de Appelby, Richard le Chaundeler, Nicholas de Tauntone, William de Donstaple, John le Hosyere, Edmund Payn, John Coterel, "copersmyth," and John atte Welle—say that on the preceding Monday about sun-set, Robert de Hemmyngburgh of co. York struck the above Simon on the breast with a short knife at the top of Phelippeslane in the aforesaid parish, owing to a sudden quarrel, inflicting a mortal wound an inch broad and 4 inches deep so that he died the same night. The felon fled into the church of St. Giles in the Ward of Crepulgate Without. Precept to the Sheriffs to take him on leaving sanctuary.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

Peter le Peyntour, by Thomas le Hare and William Wyg * * *

William Payn, by William Aroundel and Henry de Gloucestre.

Roger de Mymmes, by William le Hattere and Gilbert de * * *

Gilbert le Kervere, by William P * * * and * * * * * * * *

On the above Tuesday, the said Robert de Hemmyngburgh in the church of St. Giles Without Crepulgate confessed before John de Shirbourne, the Coroner, and the Sheriffs that he feloniously killed Simon de Eggesfeld as aforesaid and refused to surrender. Chattels none. He afterwards escaped by night.

32. *On the death of Dyonisia, daughter of John Snowe.*

Crepulgate Without

On the aforesaid Tuesday, information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that Dyonisia, daughter of John Snowe, aged one day lay dead of a death other than her rightful death in the rent of William Payn, in the parish of St. Giles without Crepulgate. Thereupon they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of the Wards of Crepulgate Without and Within they

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diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: Robert de Fynchyngfeld, Gilbert le Chaloner, Richard de Stokwell, John de Muncheham, John le Brewere, Adam le Naylere, William le Smythe, John le Pursere, Robert de Haryngeye, John Neel, Ralph de St. Alban and Richard atte Lane of the Ward of Crepulgate Without; John de Mymmes, Gilbert le Kervere, Robert le Correour, Thomas le Newe, John atte Crouche, brewer, and John de Wynton' of the Ward of Crepulgate Within—say that the said Dyonisia died her rightful death on the said Tuesday, about sun-rise, and not of any felony. The corpse viewed, &c.

33. *On the death of John Croucheman, "portour."*

Saturday before the Feast of Nativ. St. John [24 June] the same year, information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that John Croucheman, "portour," lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in Chikynlane[1] opposite the rent of Sarah Genge in the parish of All Hallows Berkyngcherche in Tower Ward. Thereupon they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the Ward of Langebourne they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: Adam de Oxenford, Richard de Clopham, "dyeghere," Robert le Coupere, Robert Horn, John de Shepeye, Henry le Cotiller, Simon Whytbread, Laurence le Skyppere, William le Taverner, Robert le Longe, John Bode and Stephen Duke, of Tower Ward; Robert de Sutbury, "taillour," John de Celeby, John de Bokenham and Roger atte Basket of the Ward of Langebourne—say that on the preceding Saturday, a little after the hour of curfew, the said John Croucheman and Nicholas Motoun of Bristol, a "portour," were quarrelling in Chikynlane, when the said Nicholas drew a short knife and therewith struck the said John on the right side of his breast, inflicting a mortal wound an inch and a half broad, and 10 inches deep, so that he immediately died. The said Nicholas *Tower*

[1] Or "Chicke-lane" to the east of Barking Church.—Stow, 'Survey' (ed. Kingsford), i. 130. Not to be confounded with Chicken-lane, near Smithfield.

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took refuge in the church of All Hallows de Berkyngcherche. Chattels none. The corpse viewed, &c. Precept to the Sheriffs, &c.

Four neighbours attached, viz. :

John Pountoyse, by Henry le Smyth and John Sturgoyl.

Walter Clenehond, by Simon Whitberd and William Horsy.

John le Hurer, by John Shepeye and John Bode, Hugh le Hurer, by William le Scot and William le Bakere.

The same Saturday, the aforesaid Nicholas acknowledged before, the Coroner and Sheriffs in the Church of All Hallows aforesaid, that on the preceding Friday he had feloniously killed the above John Croucheman, but refused to surrender to the peace. He afterwards escaped by night.

34. *On the death of Nicholas of York, "cordewaner."*

Castrum Barnardy

Tuesday before the Feast of Nativ. St. John Bapt. [24 June] the same year, information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that Nicholas of York lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in the rent of Leticia de Raundis in the Parish of St. Benedict in the Ward of Castle Baynard. Thereupon they proceeded thither and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Farndone Within, Bredstrete and Queenhithe, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: William le Whyte, John de Hales, Thomas le Ko, Thomas Bonet, John de Mymmes, John le Brewere, Richard de Lenne, John Jurdan, Robert Martyn, Ralph Chaeyner, William le Haftere, junior, and Adam de Bedeford of the Ward of Castle Baynard; Alexander de Undale and John de Kenebautone of the Ward of Farndone Within; John de Kent, carpenter (*faber*), Roger le Lokyere and Nicholas le Coupere of the Ward of Bredstret; Walter de Berham, Richard de Stanford, John Warwik, Cristian Saley and Roger de Bernes of the Ward of Queenhithe—say that on the preceding Monday about the hour of Vespers, the aforesaid Nicholas of York assaulted Thomas del Rook of Feltone, "taillour," in the High Street, opposite the rent of Leticia de Raundis in the parish of St. Benedict aforesaid, with a knife called "bidawe,"

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as he was escaping thence, severing an artery in the leg, so that he died the same day at sun-set; that William de Penecoumbe and John Colyn, "taillours," who were present when it happened were attached on suspicion, and were taken to the house of Hugh le Marberer, the Sheriff, but released as adjudged by the jurors to be guiltless. The corpse viewed, &c. Precept to the Sheriffs, &c.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

Thomas Bonet, by Walter Bonet and Robert le Masoun.

William le Whyte, by Laurence Albyn and William Harneys.

Richard de Lenne, by William le Serjant and Hugh le Perer.

Thomas de Ware, by John Mace and Roger le Dieghere.

Those present attached—viz.: Thomas del Rook de Feltone, "taillour," William de Penecoumbe, "taillour," John Colyn, 'taillour," by Henry de Chestre, "taillour," John de Corpesty, "taillour," William Fitz Peter, residing in the Ward of Castle Baynard, James Frere de Fanchirche, tapicer, William de Frymele "taillour" of Candelwykstrete and John de Colshull, "taillour" of Old Change.

35. *On the death of John de Pykeryng and Thomas de Pokelyngtone.*

Farndone Without

The above Tuesday before the Feast of Nativ. St. John Bapt' [24 June] the same year, information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that John de Pykeryng and Thomas de Pokelyngtone of co. York, clerks of the Chancery of the lord the King, lay dead of a death other than their rightful death in the rent of Thomas de Lyncoln, pleader (*narrator*), in the parish of St. Andrew de Holebourn in the Ward of Farndone Without. Thereupon they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward, and of the two nearest Wards, viz.: Farndone Within and Castle Baynard, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: Walter de Mosehache, Nicholas le Curreour, Robert de Clyderowe, John de Stratford, John Chise, John Gyles, Andrew le Coupere, Richard le Smale, William le Mareschal, Richard Paget, William Schapman, Richard Doublehod, "Davyt" de [Tut]tebury, John de Gaytone, "taillour," and

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Adam de Pontysbury of the Ward of Farndone Without; Roger atte Bel * * *, William le Tieghlere, Richard atte Hulle, Clement le Smyth, Henry le Bowyere, Elias Fraunceys, * * * le Clerk, "bocher," of the Ward of Farndone Within; Richard de Lenne, John Jordan, Robert Martyn, William le Haftere, junior, William de Newerk, Adam de Bedeford and William de Hoxtone of the Ward of Castle Baynard—say that on Sunday before the Feast of St. John Bapt. [24 June] a° 13 Edward III. [A.D. 1339], William Fort of co. Somerset, John Berkeryk of co. Cumberland, John de Grendone of co. Northampton, and John de Hatfeld Brodok, co. Essex, apprentices of the Bench, after the hour of curfew, assaulted the above John de Pykeryng and Thomas de Pokelyngton in the High Street opposite the rent of Thomas de Lyncoln and beat and wounded them with swords and "balghstafs," leaving them half dead; that the said William Fort, John Berkeryk, John de Grendone and John de Hatfeld immediately fled, but whither the jurors know not; that John de Pykeryng lingered until Monday, when he died, and Thomas de Pokelyngton until the Tuesday following when he also died of his wounds. Precept to the Sheriffs, &c.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

John Tavy by Robert Raby, and Richard de * * *

Robert le Goldesmyth, by William Sterre and Gilbert atte More.

David de Tuttebury, by Andrew le Hornere and William de Stanford.

Gilbert le Tieghlere, by John de S * * * and John de Ippegrave.

36. *On the death of John Grane, carpenter* (faber).

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Colmanstrete The jurors say that on the preceding Sunday, at the hour of curfew, William Malesures, a servant of Ralph de Uptone, struck the said John Grane in the High Street in the parish of St. Margaret [Lothbury] on the right side of the head with a staff

[1] The first part of the record illegible.

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called "Pykedstaffe," in a quarrel, so that he died on the following Friday. The felon fled, &c. Chattels none. Precept to the Sheriffs, &c.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

Philip Gentyl, by William de Caldecot and John Motoun.

Stephen le Cotiller, by Roger le Botener and John de Lyncoln.

William de Iford, by Robert le Taillour and John atte More.

Richard de Bottele, by John le Hosteler and Thomas de Berkynge.

37. *On the death of William Rose of Grenewych, mariner.*

Wednesday after the Feast of St. James Ap. [25 July] the same year, information given the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that William Rose of Grenewych lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in the rent of Sir John de Pulteneye[1] Knt. in the parish of St. Martin Orgar in Bridge Ward. Thereupon they proceeded thither and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Billingesgate, Candelwykstret and Douuegate they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: Thomas atte Wyche, John de Herstede, William Ede, James Waterbal, John de Grenewych, Walter atte Wharf, Gilbert le Dyeghere, William Olyver, John de Ledrede, Richard le Gyldere, Hugh de Mockynge, and Thomas le Brewere of Bridge Ward; Henry Sterre, Thomas de Ware, John de Hastyngges, and John de Toppesfeld of the Ward of Billingesgate; Stephen Arnald, Richard de Hereford, Richard Chiviot, Thomas de Cherteseye, and John de Mymmes of the Ward of Candelwykestret; Stephen de Dureme, William de Chesham, John de Bandone, Giles le Taillour, Richard de Carletone, and Edmund le Coupere of the Ward of Douuegate—say that on Saturday before the Feast of St. Margaret [20 July] a° 13 Edward III. [A.D. 1339], at the hour *Bridge*

[1] Draper, and Alderman successively of the Wards of Coleman Street, Candlewick Street and Vintry, but *not* of Farringdon Ward, although the Aldermanry of that Ward had been bequeathed to him in 1334 by Nicholas de Farndone ('Cal. of Wills,' i. 398). Mayor in 1330-2, 1333-4, without having previously served the office of Sheriff. His will, dated Nov. 1348, was proved and enrolled in the Court of Husting in October of the following year ('Cal. of Wills,' i. 609-10).

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of Vespers, John Loveryk of Sandewyz and Robert le Dyeghere of Manytre co. Essex, mariners, were seeking William Rose aforesaid in order to kill him, on account of a quarrel, when they found him standing in the High Street at the corner of Oystergate in the parish of St. Magnus; that thereupon the aforesaid Robert privily drew his sword and therewith struck the said William on the top of his head, inflicting a mortal wound 6 inches broad and penetrating to the brain, so that he died on Wednesday after the Feast of St. James Ap. [25 July] after dinner; that the said John Loveryk drew two long knives and rescued the said Robert, and with him took flight but whither, &c., the jurors know not. The said Robert had no chattels. The chattels of John Loveryk were appraised by William Box, John de Navestok, John Sperlyng, Robert Bygot, Peter le Taillour and John de Huntyngdone, viz.: a table at 2*s.*, twelve old pairs of "bracys" at 2*s.*, three chests and a coffer at 5*s.* 3*d.*, two folding tables, two chairs, and two forms at 2*s.* 6*d.* Total 11*s.* 9*d.*, for which William de Pontefract, one of the Sheriffs will answer. Precept to the Sheriffs, &c.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

William de Kent, by William de Hockele and Gilbert atte Hulle.

William de Stanford, by William Olyver and Hugh de Portesmouth.

Stephen de Stanford, by Peter de Ware and William de Walkerne.

Stephen de Craye, by Stephen Lucas and Richard Andrew.

38. *On the death of Stephen de Dryffeld and William de Byngeleye.*

Bridge Tuesday after the Feast of St. Peter *Advincula* [1 Aug.] the same year, information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that Stephen de Dryffeld and William de Byngeleye of co. York, esquires of Sir Thomas Spygurnel, Knt., lay dead of a death other than their rightful death in the parish of St. Benedict de Grassecherche in Bridge Ward. Thereupon they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Candelwykstret, Langebourne, and Bishoppes-

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gate, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: Arnald le Chaundeler, John de Breynford, Robert de Totenhale, Simon le Barbour, Nicholas le Mareschal, John de Kyngestone, James atte Pirye, Robert de Colchestre, John atte Gate, Boydin Fader, Stephen de Hakeneye, Robert de Burstall, Roger de Notyngham and Warin Fattyng of Bridge Ward; Adam de Canefeld, William Knyght, Richard Casse, William de Colkyrk, John atte Wode and Richard Cory of the Ward of Candelwykstrete; William de Kent, John de Northwych, "cordewaner," John Toumbere, William atte Ponde, William de Dovere and John de Geldeford of the Ward of Langebourne; Simon atte Walle, Alan de Osegodeby and Reginald le Avener of the Ward of Bishoppesgate—say that on the preceding Monday, after sunset, John de Doure, baker, Nicholas his brother, and Emma, wife of the aforesaid John, assaulted the above Stephen de Dryffeld and William de Byngeleye in the High Street opposite the rent of William de Haveryng in the parish of St. Benedict aforesaid, the said John de Doure striking the said Stephen on his left side with a knife called "trenchour," inflicting a mortal wound, of which he immediately died, and the said Nicholas Doure striking the said William on the throat with a long, thin knife, inflicting a mortal wound, of which he also died. The felons, together with the aforesaid Emma, were forthwith captured by neighbours, and taken to the house of William de Pontefract, the Sheriff. The bodies viewed, &c. Precept to the Sheriffs, &c.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

William Amys, by John de Hatfeld and Richard Patrick.

James atte Pirye, by Thomas le Barbour and Walter de Northwych.

John Horn, Flemyng, by Nicholas atte Gate, and William de Eppyngge.

John Horn de Sothwerke, by Nicholas le Osteler and William atte Halle.

39. *On the death of Richard de Bulkele.*

Monday the eve of St. Laurence [10 Aug.] the same year, *Cornhulle* information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that

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Richard de Bulkele lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in the High Street opposite the church of St. Michael in the Ward of Cornhulle. Thereupon they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Bradstret, Bishoppesgate and Lymstrete, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: Thomas le Chaundeler, John Lorchon, "barbour," Richard le Stolere, William de Hales, John le Chaundeler, Richard le Sadelere, William de Staunford, "cordewaner," John Dustone, Andrew de Redyngge, Adam Godynogh, Alan de Asshdone and Robert le Fourbour of the Ward of Cornhulle; William Busshe, John Edward, William de Grenewyche, John de Beclys, Thomas Lyouns and Henry atte Boure of the Ward of Bradestrete; John Cens, Simon atte Walle, John Frere and John Burbache of the Ward of Bishoppesgate; Thomas de Hodesdone, Henry de Abyndone, William Chyld and Thomas Kebbyl of the Ward of Lymstrete—say that on the preceding Sunday, after the hour of Vespers, William de Norhamptone and the above Richard de Bulkele, "Boklerplaiers," were fighting with each other in the close of the Earl of Warren in the Ward of Bishoppesgate, when the said William struck the said Richard with a short knife through the middle of the arm and forthwith took refuge in the church of St. Michael aforesaid; that the said Richard pursued him, and when he arrived opposite the church he died of the wound. Precept to the Sheriffs to attach the said William as soon as he was out of Sanctuary, &c.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

Richard de Farnberwe, by Adam le Wayte and Robert atte Valeye.

John de Brendewode, by John Trynxtone and Henry Tutteberd.

Gilbert de Brauncestre, by David de Cornwall and John de Algate.

Walter de Heldere, by John de Covyntre and Robert de Manhale.

The same Monday, the eve of St. Laurence, William de Norhamptone, "boklerplaier," confessed before the Coroner and

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Sheriffs the above felony for which he refused to surrender to the peace. Afterwards, he made his escape by night.

40. *On the death of John de Markeby, goldsmith.*

Tuesday after the Feast of Assumption B.M. [15 Aug.] the same year, information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that John de Markeby lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in the house which he held of Brian de Pampesworth in the parish of St. Olave in Mogwellestrete in the Ward of Farndone Within. Thereupon they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Aldresgate, Farndone Without and Crepulgate, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors — viz.: John le Vannere, Walter de Wy, "Galvan" le Sadelere, Richard le Fuister, Richard Danyel, Richard le Taillour, John Richemound, John de Watford, Geoffrey Smart, brewer, John Hereford, Walter de Stratford and Richard de Oxon' of the Ward of Farndone Within; Nicholas de Totenhale, John le Goldebeter, Thomas de Wygorn', William de Brighnoth, John de Lustone and Thomas de Whytenham of the Ward of Aldresgate; Walter le Cordewaner and Peter le Barber of the Ward of Farndone Without; John Aroundel, John le Mareschal, Richard le Chaundeler, John de Elyndone, William de Dunstaple and John de Wynchestre of the Ward of Crepulgate—say that on the preceding Monday after the hour of curfew the said John de Markeby was drunk and leaping about in the aforesaid house when he accidentally wounded himself with a knife called a "Trenchour de Parom"[1] which hung at his girdle, inflicting a mortal wound on his left leg above the knee 5 inches deep and 3 inches broad of which he died the same night. Those present were Robert, servant to the said John, and Alice, daughter of the said John. The corpse viewed, &c. *Farndone Within*

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

John Aroundel, by Simon de Wbathamstede, and John Stocwell.

[1] Probably a knife used by saddlers. Fr. *Paroue*, selle, harnois de cheval; *Paronne*, la piéce de la charrue à laquelle on attele les chevaux. (Du Cange.)

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Thomas Sporoun, by Richard de Limynstre and William de Oteswych.

John le Mareschal, by Egret de Bursous and Simon atte Seler.

John de Hegham, by Ralph Mordak and John de Walbone.

Those present attached, viz.:

The above Robert and Alice, by William de Shordych, goldsmith, and William de Ippegrave, goldsmith.

41. *On the death of William de Kempstone, brewer.*

Farndone Without

Wednesday after the Feast of St. Bartholomew [24 Aug.] the same year, information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that William de Kempstone, a brewer, lay dead of a death other than his rightful death, in a brewhouse held by Walter de Seynmore of William de Hales in the parish of St. Dunstan in the Ward of Farndone Without. Thereupon they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the two nearest Wards, viz.: Castle Baynard and Farndone Within, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: Gilbert de Alemaygne, John le Vannere, Alan Fisshbourne, Philip le Clerk, John Gerlaund, John de Ippegrave, John le Mareschal, John le Ussher, R * * * le Brewere, Hugh le Hattere, Henry le Webbe, John de Hundestone, John le Masoun, barber, John de Wynchestre, William Shytenangre and Henry de Kirkebrigge of the Ward of Farndone Without; John Seward, Adam de Bedeford, William de Corbrigge, Richard Beneyte, Thomas le Hakeneyman, Robert de Bokyngham, skinner, Robert de Flatbury, tailor, of the Ward of Castle Baynard; Richard atte Hulle, Roger de Cornewayle and Elias Fraunseys of the Ward of Farndone Within—say that on Monday the Eve of St. Bartholomew [24 Aug.] last passed, John de Shaffeld a strange boy (*garcio extraneus*) at the hour of curfew, entered the aforesaid brewhouse and privily took away a woman's hood worth 9*d.*; that the above William de Kempstone followed the boy as far as Secollane in order to recover the hood, when the boy struck him in the belly with a knife called "bydawe," near the navel, inflicting

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a mortal wound, and immediately fled, but whither, &c., the jurors know not; that the wounded man returned to the brewhouse where he died of his wound on Tuesday the Feast of St. Bartholomew at the hour of Vespers. The corpse viewed, &c. Precept to the Sheriffs, &c.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

Hugh de Arderne, by Robert Petit and John Elys.

Andrew le Hornere, by John Rote and Richard le Heymongere.

John Gerlaund, by Thomas Crabbe and Robert le Haneper.

John le Vannere, by Thomas le Chaundeler and William Sterre.

42. Thursday after the Feast of Decollation of St. John Bapt. [29 Aug.] a° 13 Edward III. [A.D. 1339], John, son of Roger le Rede de Harwe, brewer, died his rightful death in Neugate prison where he was confined at the suit of the lord the King for a robbery committed on Hamond de Suthewerk. The corpse viewed, &c. *Neugate*

43. *On the death of William Hamond of Kenet*

Wednesday after the Feast of St. Matthew Ap. [21 Sept.] the same year, information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that William Hamond of Kenet lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in the rent of Geoffrey de Weston, d[ra]per, in the parish of All Hallows, in the Ward of Bredstrete. Thereupon they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: William atte Welle [Her]man le Keu, William le Keu, William le Botiller, John Janyn, Hervey le Keu, William de Kent, Robert le Hore, John Mareys, Maurice le Skynnere, Alexander Skut, John de Draytone, John Sprot, and Thomas de Oxon', "keu,"—say that on the preceding Tuesday, after the hour of curfew, the above William Hamond was standing drunk (*imbutus*) on the top of a stair in the said rent when he fell down head fore- *Bredstrete*

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most and broke his neck. The stair valued at 12*d.* for which Hugh le Marberer, one of the Sheriffs, will answer.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

John Janyn, by Walter de Merseye and John de Litlyngton.

John de Godeston, by Richard de Berdefeld and Hugh de Depedene.

John de Bentele, by Richard le Chaundeler and Gilbert de Fulham.

Hamo le Barber, by William le Bakere and John Noreys.

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ROLL H.

Roll of pleas of the Crown from the Feast of St. Michael [29 *Sept.*] *a°* 13 *Edward III.* [A.D. 1339] *to the same Feast in the next year,* temp. *Roger de Forsham and William de Thorneye, Sheriffs of London, John de Shirbourne being Coroner that year, viz.: part of the year under Hugh de Ulseby the King's Butler and part under Raymund Seguyn.*[1]

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1. *On the death of Ralph Sarasyn of Twycros.*[2]

Thursday the morrow of St. Michael [29 Sept.] a° 13 Edward III. [A.D. 1339], information given to John de Shirbourne, the Coroner of London, and Roger de Forsham and William de Thorneye, Sheriffs of the same City, that Ralph Sarasyn of Twycros lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in the High Street near the gate of the hostel of Sir William Trussel, Knt.[3]; in the parish of All Hallows de Stanyngcherche in the Ward of Algate. Thereupon, they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the Ward of Langebourne, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: William Baudry, Richard le Rede, William le Pursere, William le Chaundeler, John le Fruter, Robert de Kent, Walter de Chesewyk, *Algate*

[1] In 1341 Richard Chaucer, an ancestor of the poet, was appointed deputy to Seguyn in the office of King's Butler to collect the King's wine dues in the Port of London.—'Cal. Letter-Book F,' p. 82 n.

[2] co. Leices.

[3] Probably the Admiral of the fleet of the Cinque Ports to which the City had recently contributed two ships, fully manned, to assist in the defence of the south coast against attacks from the French.—See 'Cal. Letter-Book F,' pp. 32, 33.

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John de Covyntre, "pelter," Adam de Brumle, Richard de Stebenhethe, "dyeghere," and William de Wytham of the Ward of Algate; William de Stratford, "bowyere," William Swote, William Hert, Robert de Melford, "taillour," John Seleby, Richard atte Kocke and Roger atte Basket, of the Ward of Langebourne—say that on the preceding Wednesday about sunset, a quarrel arose in the High Street opposite the rent of Sir William Trussel between the above Ralph Sarasyn and William le Coupere, and that the said William struck the said Ralph on the left side of the breast with a short knife inflicting a mortal wound an inch long and 4 inches deep, so that he immediately died; that the felon took refuge in the church of All Hallows aforesaid. Chattels none. Precept to the Sheriffs to attack the felon on his leaving Sanctuary, &c.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

Robert de Kent, by William Wymondeswold and Richard Gylle.

Simon Wyghtlok, by Ralph Haltrer and Thomas de Berkyng.

William Shepe, by John de Barnetone and John Cobhambury.

Richard le Fourbour, by John Keu, 'tapicer," and Gilbert Dullyngham.

Algate. On the above Thursday, William le Coupere confessed the felony before the Coroner in the church of All Hallows aforesaid, but refused to surrender. Chattels none. He afterwards escaped by night.

2. *On the death of Martin le Meleward.*

Portesokene Tuesday after the Feast of St. Michael [29 Sept.] the same year, information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that Martin le Meleward lay dead of a death other than his rightful death at a place called "la Tourhulle" in the parish of St. Botolph without Algate in the Ward of Portesokne. Thereupon they proceeded thither and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the two nearest Wards, viz.: Tower and Algate, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: John le Fysshmongere, Henry le Gerdelere, Robert de Reddebourne,

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Geoffrey Pantehog, Robert "atte" Crouchehous, Simon atte Corner, John le Coliere, Nicholas le Smythe, Robert de Langele, brewer, Henry de Bathe, John Norman, William Brown, William le Clerk, William de Wytham and Roger atte Corner of the Ward of Portsokene; Nicholas le Dyeghere, Henry le Cotiller, Robert le Coupere, Roger de Preston, "taillour," and William de Fremyngham of Tower Ward; John de Covyntre, John de Feryng, brewer, and Simon de Aspedene of the Ward of Algate—say that on the preceding Monday, about the hour of Vespers, John atte Mersshe of Colcestre met the aforesaid Martin le Meleward upon Tourhulle, and by reason of an old quarrel, struck him with a long knife causing various wounds of which he died. The felon was immediately seized and taken to the house of Roger de Forsham, one of the Sheriffs. The corpse viewed, &c.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

John Crouchehous, by Peter de Westone, and Hugh atte Bank.

Alexander Cobbe, by John le Longe and Arnald le Quylter.

Alexander le Mareschal, by John le Charer, and John de Romeneye.

John de Stowe, by Thomas de Caxtone and Walter Cobbe.

3. *On the death of Thomas de Rosyngtone, "seler."* [1]

Monday the Feast of All Saints [1 Nov.] the same year, information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that Thomas de Rosyngtone, "seler," lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in the rent of Sir John de Russhshyngdone, chaplain, in the parish of St. John Zakary in the Ward of Aldresgate. Thereupon, they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the two nearest Wards, viz.: Farndone Within and Crepelgate Within, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: John de Lullyngstone, Thomas le Gyldere, John Chaumpeyn, Thomas de Wyrcestre, John Porre, Richard de Bernham, John le Nailere, Gilbert Bokeler, William Bryghtnothe, William de Cattele, Nicholas de Totenhale, John de Cantuar', and John *Aldresgate*

[1] Saddler.

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de Blythe of the Ward of Aldresgate; Hugh le Naylere, Elias de Haveryngge, "Egret" de Bursels, John de Richemond, John de Watford and Gilbert le Cordewaner of the Ward of Farndone Within; John atte Welle, Richard Hansoum, John de Leythtone, John atte Mersshe, John de Polberwe, Robert de Sellyngge and Richard de Picheford of the Ward of Crepelgate Within—say that on the preceding Sunday, at the hour of curfew, John Bonere, brother of Nicholas Bonere, "sadelere," Nicholas Belymer, "sadelere," and Henry Belymer, "taillour," brother of the said Nicholas, were lying in wait for the said Thomas de Rosyngtone who was then in the brewhouse of Thomas Hardly in the Ward of Farndone Within, and on his leaving they assaulted him, wounding him with their long knives so that he died the same night. The felons took flight but whither the jurors know not. John Bonere and Henry Belymer had no chattels. The chattels of Nicholas Belymer appraised by John de Hereford, Simon de Beverley and William de York, saddlers, viz.: 6 wooden saddles, without apparel, and pieces of leather—total 8*s*., for which William de Thorneye, one of the Sheriffs, will answer. Precept to the Sheriffs, &c.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

John de Chichestre, goldsmith, by Roger de Woxebregge and Thomas de Grantebrege.

John de Kent, brewer, by Richard de Kent and John le Goldebetere.

Richard de Henneye, by John Burdeyn and Thomas le Gyldere.

John de Chaumpaigne, by Gilbert le Bokeler and John le Naylere.

4. *On the death of Philip, son of John de Turneye, armourer.*

Portesokene Friday after the Feast of All Saints [1 Nov.] the same year, information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that Philip son of John de Turneye, armourer, aged 6 years, lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in a ditch within the

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close held by Gerard de Turneye of the lord the King near the Hospital of St. Katherine in the parish of St. Botulph Without Alegate, in the Ward of Portesokene. Thereupon they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors, viz.: Alexander le Mareschal, Ralph le Webbe, William atte Vyne, Geoffrey le Messager, Henry le Gerdelere, John le Fysshmongere, Roger le Coroner, William le Clerk, Robert Graylond, William Ladil, Geoffrey Pantehogge, Robert Crouchehous, John Norman, John le Colyere and Robert le Brewere—say that on the preceding Thursday after sunset the said Philip was walking on the bank of the said ditch when he accidentally fell in and was drowned.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

John Crouchehous, by Alan le Bakere and John le Soutere.

John Mounde, "pessoner," by William Broun and Robert le Bocher.

John Norman, by William le Glovere and Henry de Bathe.

Alexander Cobbe, by Nicholas le Tawyere and John Henry.

5. *On the death of William de Oxenford.*

Douuegate

On Saturday the Feast of St. Leonard [6 Nov.] the same year, information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that William de Oxenford aged 12 years lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in the rent held by Robert de Eynesham of Sir John de Pulteneye, Knt., in the Parish of St. John de Walebrok in the Ward of Douuegate. Thereupon they proceeded thither and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the Ward of Walebroke, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: Richard de Betyrle, William de Wyrcestre, Roger de Waltham, John de Waltham, Richard de Enefeld and Henry de Stystede of the Ward of Douuegate; Laurence Sely, Richard de Carletone, Thomas de Pounfreyt, John Petit, Thomas Potager, Robert de Thorpe, John de Bury and Simon de Fulham of the Ward of Walebroke—say that on the same Saturday the said

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William de Oxenford died his rightful death and of no felony. The corpse viewed, &c.

6. *On the death of John de Baldok.*

Bridge On Friday after the Feast of St. Martin [11 Nov.] the same year, information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that John de Baldok, a sub-clerk of the church of St. Leonard[1] lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in the said church of St. Leonard in Bridge Ward. Thereupon they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: James atte Pirye, Dionisius de Douuegate, Thomas le Barbour, John le Chaundeler, Richard de Helleford, "taillour," Stephen de Hakeneye, John atte Gate, Thomas Sandiakre, Robert de Colchestre, Ralph de St. Alban, "taillour," Thomas Cristemasse, Boydin Fader, John de London, "keu," Simon de Brandesby, barber, Geoffrey Fairher, Dionisius le Keu and Adam de Ware—say that on the preceding Thursday the said John de Baldok died his rightful death and not of any felony. The corpse viewed, &c.

7. *On the death of John de Hastyngge, "coupere."*

Bisshopesgate Sunday after the Feast of St. Martin [11 Nov.] the same year, information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that John de Hastyngge, "coupere," lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in the rent of John de Bromeholme in the parish of St. Botulph Without Bisshopesgate in the suburb of London. Thereupon they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the two nearest Wards, viz.: Lymstrete and Bradestrete, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: John de Waltham, Gilbert le Dyeghere, Adam de Hardyngham, John de Rounhale, Thomas le Mareschal, Richard le Packere, William Darnel, Richard de Claveryngge, brewer, Geoffrey Serjant, John Heryng, Geoffrey Lythfote, Robert le Kock, Hugh le Skynnere, John de Camerwelle and Paul le

[1] In Eastcheap.

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Pessoner of the Ward of Bisshopesgate; Richard Baldewyn, Henry le Heyrere and Thomas de Hodesdone of the Ward of Lymestrete; Robert le Chauntour, Richard de Heydone, Nicholas le "Tyeghmakiere," Henry de Botulston and William de Codyngtone of the Ward of Bradestrete—say that on the preceding Saturday after the hour of curfew, Hugh le Coupere and the aforesaid John de Hastyngge, servant of the said Hugh, were quarrelling in the High Street in the parish of St. Botulph aforesaid, when the said Hugh struck the said John on the throat with a knife called "bydawe" inflicting a mortal wound 3 inches deep and 1½ inches broad, of which he immediately died. The felon fled, but whither the jurors know not; his chattels appraised by Nicholas Poungge, Walter le Brette, John de Rounhale, John atte Byrnes, Adam de Hardyngham and Ivo (?) le Coupere, viz.: 3 vats, 5 small barrels and 4 kemelins at 10*s.*, divers pieces of wood and wooden bands for binding vats, two small old chests without locks at 10*s.* 3*d.* Total 20*s.* 3*d.*, for which Roger de Forsham one of the Sheriffs will answer. Precept to the Sheriffs, &c.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

John Bridde, by Roger Huberd and Gilbert le Syward.

Thomas le Barber, by John Wyseman and James Mantel.

Ralph Heryoun, by Thomas le Gardyner and Hugh le Skynnere.

Geoffrey le Whyttawyere, by John Herynge and William Darnel.

8. *On the death of John de Somersete, skinner.*

On Sunday after the Feast of St. Edmund V. [20 Nov.] the same year, information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that John de Somerset, skinner, lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in the rent of Ralph de Ikelyngham in the parish of St. Margaret de Lothebury, in the Ward of Colmanstrete. Thereupon they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the Ward of Bredestrete as well as of the Ward of Langebourne where the said John was believed to have met his *Colmanstrete*

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death, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors, viz.: Roger le Brygerdelere, Alan Neweale, John de Ebor', John le Ras, William de Lenne, "taillour," John de Elmestowe, Roger le Botener, William Spirk, cordwainer, William le Foundour, Henry de Wrytele, John le Kopere, Peter de Pykenham, and John de London, "gerdelere," of the Ward of Colmanstrete; John de Thryllowe, Thomas de Doune, Robert Mone and John Pelle of the Ward of Bradestrete; John de Northwyche, William Wastel, William atte Ponde, William atte Halle, Walter de Knarisburgh and William de Dovere, cordwainer, of the Ward of Langebourne—say that on the preceding Saturday the above John de Somersete died his rightful death and not of any felony. The corpse viewed, &c.

9. *On the death of Robert Paunchard.*

Bradestrete Tuesday the Feast of St. Andrew [30 Nov.] the same year, information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that Robert Paunchard died a death other than his rightful death in the rent of Thomas Gynel in the parish of St. Martin de Oteswyche, in the Ward of Bradestrete. Thereupon, they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Cornhulle, Bisshopesgate and Lymstrete, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: Thomas Lyouns, Thomas de Chigewelle, John de Chipenham, John de Bedeford, taverner, John de Beklys, William Busshe, Roger de Popham, "peyntour," Simon de Hodesdone, Michael de Conford, "peyntour," John Hervy, Peter de Tytemersshe, Henry atte Boure, William Janyn, "taillour," Geoffrey le Armourer, William Terry and Roger Tydi of the Ward of Bradestrete; Richard le Stolere, William de Hertford, "taillour," Nicholas le Sherman and Robert le Furbour, of the Ward of Cornhulle; Robert de Osprenge, taverner, John Frere, John Burbache, Laurence le White, brewer, John Parkere, and William le Hornere of the Ward of Bisshopesgate; Ralph de Mixsebury, Thomas Alkefold, brewer, Richard de Wolyngham, William Childe and Thomas de Hodesdone of the Ward of Lymstrete—say that on

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Saturday after the feast of All Saints [1 Nov.] a° 13 Edward III. [A.D. 1339], after the hour of curfew, John Counte, cook, a servant of Sir Robert de Artoys, and the above Robert Paunchard were quarrelling in the close of the Earl of Warren within Bisshopesgate where the said Robert de Artoys resided, when the said John Counte struck the said Robert with a long thin knife on the right side of the neck inflicting a mortal wound an inch broad and 7 inches deep, so that he died on Monday the eve of St. Andrew following. The felon was immediately seized by neighbours and carried to the house of Roger de Forsham, one of the Sheriffs.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

John de Yakesle, by Thomas Voche and Thomas Beryman.

Thomas Peuwe, by Simon Brunne and Richard de Staundone.

Thomas Gynel, by John le Osteler and John de Kemesyngge.

John de Totenham, by John de Westwyk and Roger de Shorne.

10. *On the death of John de Balsham, "taillour"*

The same Tuesday the Feast of St. Andrew [30 Nov.], information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that John de Balsham lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in the rent of the late Walter le Hurer in the parish of St. Olave in Tower Ward. Thereupon they proceeded thither and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the two nearest Wards, viz.: Langebourne and Algate, they deligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: William Cros, Henry Broselaunce, Thomas de Hamme, John Caperoun, William de Leytone, Roger de Bartonē, baker, John le Barber, Alexander Manschepe, John Ayleward, Robert le Coupere and Henry atte Sonde of Tower Ward; John Seleby and Richard atte Kocke of the Ward of Langebourne; Thomas de Donstaple, William de Wymondeswold, Richard le Packere, John le Fruter and Robert de Kent of the Ward of Algate—say that the said John de Balsham died his rightful death, and not of any felony. The corpse viewed, &c. *Tower*

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11. *On the death of William de Hamptone, "shipman."*

Billing[esgate] Monday the Feast of St. Nicholas [6 Dec.] the same year, information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriff that William de Hamptone lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in the port of Billingesgate, in the parish of St. Mary atte Hulle in the Ward of Billingesgate. Thereupon they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the Ward of Langebourne they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: John Sperlyng, John atte Mede, Roger Pyke, John de Navestoke, Robert Bygot, William Potone, Peter de Beverle, "taillour," Laurence Richard, cordwainer, Richard Pope, William de Shirbourne, Richard de Grenstede, Richard Scot, Edmund de Sandewyche, Laurence de London, "taillour," and Robert de Derby of the Ward of Billingesgate; John de Bokenham, Roger de Oundel, John Mounstrel and Andrew le Cordewaner of the Ward of Langebourne—say that on the preceding Sunday, after the hour of curfew, the above William de Hamptone was walking alone in a state of drunkenness on St. Botulph's Wharf when he fell into the Thames and was drowned, his body being carried by the tide to Billingesgate Wharf where it was discovered without wound or bruise.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

Alexander le Gauger, by Robert le Ropere and Robert de Hakeneye.

William de Prestone, by William Hamond and John Baldok.

Geoffrey de Wyntertone, by William le Chaundeler and Roger de Ebor'.

John de Wrotham, by John Kyng and Thomas de Kent.

12. *On the death of Peter le Skomakere of Flanders, mariner.*

Tower Monday the Feast of St. Lucia V. [13 Dec.] the same year, information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that Peter le Skomakere lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in the Thames under the wharf of William Box, in the parish of St. Dunstan in Tower Ward. Thereupon they proceeded

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thither and having summoned good men of that Ward they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: John de Shrouesbury, John le Maryner, Alan le Palmere, John le Frensh, Peter de Oulescome, barber, Nicholas Queynt, John de Pelham, "keu," John Albon, Stephen de Terstewode, Thomas de Wellys, "coupere," William de Hardyngham, cordwainer, Edmund de Ipre, "taillour," Richard le Chaundeler, and Reginald de Circestre, cordwainer—say that on the preceding Sunday, after the hour of curfew, the aforesaid Peter was walking alone in a state of drunkenness on the wharf of William Box when he fell into the Thames and was drowned. The corpse viewed, &c.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

William Box, by William de Thele and Walter le Skynnere.

Richard Asselyn, by Alan Wolf and Roger le Taillour.

Richard "Comsedieu," by William le Ridere and Richard de Clopham.

Laurence de Braughhyng, by John Bode and William le Scot.

13.—Tuesday the morrow of St. Lucia V. [13 Dec.] the same year, Warin Godefrey, "bocher," died his rightful death in Neugate prison, being confined there at the suit of John de Pastone for the death of Geoffrey de Pastone, his brother, whom he had feloniously killed outside Algate in co. Middlesex. The corpse viewed, &c. *Neugate*

14. *On the death of Alice, wife of Robert de Portesmouthe, "saltstondere."* [1]

Monday the Eve of St. Thomas Ap. [21 Dec.] the same year, information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that Alice, wife of Robert de Portesmouthe, "saltstondere," lay dead of a death other than her rightful death in the rent of Richard le Rous in the parish of St. Michael, in the Ward of Queenhithe. Thereupon they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the Ward of Vintry, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: *Queenhithe*

[1] An owner (or maker) of stands or pans for evaporating salt?

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John de Dyttone, John de London, tapicer, Thomas de Ledrede, Geoffrey de Salopia, barber, John de Essex, cordwainer, Henry de la Marche, Henry le Keu, and Ralph de Bernys of the Ward of Queenhithe; William de Lyncoln, John le Pynnere, Walter le Coupere, John atte Lee, and Adam le Dyeghere of the Ward of Vintry—say that on the preceding Sunday after the hour of curfew, a quarrel arose between Robert de Portesmouthe and Alice his wife in a solar in the rent of Richard le Rous, when the said Robert struck his wife with a staff called "wombedstaf" on the neck as she stood by the stair in the said solar, so that with the blow she fell down the stair and broke her neck; that the said Robert took flight the next day, but whither, &c., the jurors know not. And because information was given to the Coroner, that Robert son of the aforesaid Robert de Portesmouthe had been arrested on suspicion of causing the death of the said Alice his step-mother and had been taken to Neugate, precept was issued to the Sheriffs to summon other jurors of the Ward of Queenhithe for the following Tuesday in order that further enquiry might be made. Accordingly on that day there came John de Kyngestone, Henry de Holmes, Nicholas de Lambheth, "coupere," Henry de Farnham, cordwainer, Roger de Derby, "saltmetere," Richard le Rous, William de Neuport, Richard de Ware, Hugh Filz Rogier, Richard de Stanford, Richard atte Cornere, Geoffrey le Chaundeler, and John Beneyt, who said on oath that on the aforesaid day the said Robert, the son, struck the said Alice with his hand, whilst the father struck her with a "wombedstaff" on the neck from which blow the said Alice died, and that the death of the said Alice was not hastened by the blow from the hand of the said son. The corpse viewed, the neck of which was seen to be broken by the blow of the staff. The chattels of Robert the father, who had fled, appraised by Hugh Filz Rogier, Richard le Rous, John de Dittone, Roger de Derby, Henry de la Marche, "taillour," and Thomas Curteys, viz.: an old "curtepy" and coat of green cloth for a woman at 2*s.* 6*d.*, two old coats at 18*d.*, a brass pot at 3*s.*, an old blanket at 20*d.*, a sur-coat for a man 12*d.*, an old sur-coat for a woman at 2*s.*, a piece of fur at 12*d.*, an old chest at 4*d.*, a staff called "wombedstaff" at 1*d.*, firewood and a barrel at 12*d.*, a

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chest at 16*d*. Total 15*s*. 5*d*., for which William de Thorneye, one of the Sheriffs, will answer. Precept to the Sheriffs, &c.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

Hugh Filz "Roger," by Alan de Chigewell and Nicholas de Bourgh.

William de Neuport, by Robert le Hornere, and William Gerveys.

Richard de Ware, by Hugh de Bromptone, and Henry Hereward.

Richard le Rous, by Walter de Reynham, and John Laudyan.

15. *On the death of William Noreys.*

Portesokene

On Friday after the Feast of St. Hillary [13 Jan.] a°. 13 Edward III. [A.D. 1339–40], information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that William Noreys lay dead of a death other than her rightful death in the rent of Thomas de Skeltone, in the parish of St. Botulph without Algate, in the Ward of Portesokene. Thereupon they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: Simon atte Corner, Hugh Bank, John le Coliere, Peter de Herlawe, potter, Arnald le Quylter, John le Hosyere, John de Rome, [Peter] de Westone, Ralph le Mareschal, "tieghlere," John de Yeldham, "smyth," John Godard, Simon de Hatfeld * * Gamelyn, William de Raughton and Ralph le Pottere—say that on Sunday preceding the Feast of St. Hillary, after the hour of curfew, a certain Pynchard de Wynchecoumbe, a chaplain late serving in the church of St. Dunstan near the Tower, was lying in wait for the above William Noreys in the High Street in the said parish in order to beat him, by reason of an old quarrel, and struck him with a triangular point of a knife on his left breast inflicting a mortal wound 4 inches deep and 1½ inches broad so that he died on the following Friday. The felon fled but whither, &c., the jurors know not. The corpse viewed, &c. Precept to the Sheriffs, &c.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

Peter de Westone, by Alexander le Mareschal and Robert Andreu.

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John de Romeneye, by William atte Gate and Thomas Cobbe.

Alexander Cobbe, by Thomas de Caxtone and Walter le Fruter.

John de Stowe, by John le Hodere, "bocher," and John le Charer.

16. *On the death of John Briny, groom of Roger de Forsham.*

Bradestrete Saturday after the Feast of St. Hillary [13 Jan.] the same year, information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that the above John Briny lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in the rent of the above Roger in the parish of St. Christopher, in the Ward of Bradestrete. Thereupon they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: Nicholas atte Mersshe, John "de" Herewardstoke, Robert de Chesthunt, Thomas Lyouns, Peter "atte Rede dore," Thomas "atte Rede dore," John de Westwyk, "chaundeler," Walter Osekyn, John de Kemesyngge, John de Totenham, Roger Tidy, Henry atte Boure and Thomas de Berkyng—say that on the preceding Thursday about sunrise when the above John tried to put a halter on a grey horse in the stable of Roger de Forsham the horse kicked him in the face so that he died on the following Saturday. The horse appraised by the jurors at 13*s.* 4*d.* for which Roger de Forsham, one of the Sheriffs, will answer. The corpse viewed, &c.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

William de Stanes, by Richard de Staundone and Simon Brunne.

Ralph de Cauntebrege, by John le Chaundeler and John de Depham.

John Herewardstoke, by Thomas Voche and Roger de Shorne.

Walter de Euere, by John de Totenham and John le Osteler.

TEMP. REYMUND SEGUYN, BUTLER OF THE LORD THE KING.

17.—Writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs to admit John de Shirbourne to act as Coroner in the City on behalf of the above Reymund,

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the King's Butler. Witness, Edward Duke of Cornwall, the King's son, Warden of England, at Langele, 13 Dec. 13 Edward III. [A.D. 1339].

18. *On the death of Alice, wife of Henry de Warewyk, skinner.*

Saturday after the Feast of Purification B.M. [2 Feb.] a° 14 Edward III. [A.D. 1339–40], information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Roger de Forsham, Sheriff of the City, that the above Alice lay dead of a death other than her rightful death in the port of Douuegate in the parish of All Hallows at the Hay in the Ward of Douuegate. Thereupon they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the Ward of Bradestrete, where the said Henry de Warewyk and Alice his wife were staying, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: John de Waltham, Thomas Irysshman, William de Douuegate, skinner, John Marler, John Crawestoke, Adam de Suttone, "coupere," William de Schaterlyng, "coupere," and John de Slappele of the Ward of Douuegate; John le Sponere, Nicholas atte Mersshe, Geoffrey le Armourer, Simon de Chikeshand, Henry le Ledrede, John Nasard, and William de Cherryng of the Ward of Bradestrete—say that on the preceding Friday, after the hour of curfew, the aforesaid Alice, who for the last half-year had been *non compos mentis*, opened the door of the house of the said Henry and Alice in the parish of St. Benedict Fynk, in the Ward of Bradestrete, and ran by herself in a wild state to the port of Douuegate and threw herself into the Thames and was drowned. The corpse viewed, &c. Precept to the Sheriffs, &c. *Douuegate*

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

Roger de Waltham, by John Hannay and Robert atte More.

William Brangweyn, by John atte Gotere and Hugh de Spaldyngge.

Thomas de Ispania, by Adam Lopechaunt and Thomas de Adesham.

Henry de Prestone, by Anselin le Peleter and William le Taverner.

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19. *On the death of Juliana, daughter of John Turgys.*

Candelwyk-strete Wednesday after the Feast of St. Valentine [14 Feb.] the same year, information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that Juliana, daughter of John Turgeys, aged eleven years, lay dead of a death other than her rightful death in the rent of John le Neve in the parish of St. Michael de Crokedelane in the Ward of Candelwykstrete. Thereupon they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: William le Plomer, John atte Noke, Stephen le Brewere, John atte Dyche, Gilbert le Bowyere, John le Waryner, Thomas le Coupere, William le Flesshmongere, John Edward, John de Stok, "taillour," Roger de Bury, cordwainer, and William de Colkyrk, brewer—say that on the preceding Wednesday, at dusk, the above Juliana was standing in a window of a solar in the rent aforesaid, looking towards the High Street, when she fell headlong on to the pavement of Candelwykstrete and died of the fall about sunset. The corpse viewed, &c.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

William de Bockyngge, "plomer," by John Fraunceys and Richard Turk.

Nicholas le Shordyche, by Adam le Plomer and Simon le Plomer.

John Gubbe, by Robert le Chaundeler and Richard le Peckere.

William de Wetheresfeld, by Simon le Glovere and Simon Baudry.

20. *On the death of Thomas de Norhamptone, skinner.*

Langebourne Friday the Feast of St. Matthias [24 Feb.], information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs, that the above Thomas lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in the rent of Gilbert de Bosenham in the parish of St. Mary de Wolnoth in Langebourne Ward. Thereupon they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors, viz.: Nicholas de la Marche, Geoffrey de

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Kylmyngtone, barber, Robert Michel, John de Swantone, John Gravele, William de Rokele, Peter de Jernemouthe, John Goldyng, Richard de Thame, Robert de St. Alban, William de Boungeye, William de Appylby and Richard de Chesthunt—say that on the preceding Saturday, at dusk, the above Thomas was wounded by robbers unknown in the High Street opposite the Hospital of St. James the Apostle, in the county of Middlesex [1]; that he contrived to reach London the same night and died in the said rent on the aforesaid Friday at break of day. The corpse viewed on which appeared 16 wounds.

21. *On the death of Henry le Kyng, shipman, of Estland.*

Saturday after the Feast of St. Gregory [12 March] the same year, information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs, that the above Henry lay dead of a death other than his rightful death under the wharf called "le W[ool]wharf" in the parish of St. Mary de Berkyngcherche,[2] in Tower Ward. Thereupon they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: William de Fulham, Peter atte Vyne, Richard le Packedrawere, Richard le Chaundeler, John de Westmenstre, Richard le Cordewaner, Philip le Wolleberere, Richard de Romeneye, "cordewaner," Robert atte Culure, William de Braban, Stephen le Long, John de Stauntone, clerk, and William le Wollewerchere—say that on the preceding Friday, about sunset, the said Henry was walking alone in play (*ludens*) upon a "Plaunche," part of which lay over the wharf and the other part over the Thames, which was at full flood, when he fell from the plank into the water and was immediately drowned. The plank appraised by the jurors at 6*d.*, for which Roger de Forsham, one of the Sheriffs, will answer. *Tower*

[1] A hospital for leprous women, situate near Charing Cross, in the parish of St. Margaret, Westminster. It is mentioned as existing at Charing (*Cherringam*) as far back as the time of Richard I., and was suppressed by Henry VIII.—Stow's 'Survey' (ed. Kingsford), ii. 143, 374. Its probable site was where St. James' Palace now stands.

[2] There was no parish church of this name, but there was a chapel of St. Mary on the north side of the parish church of All Hallows Berking. —Stow's 'Survey' (ed. Kingsford), i. 130–1.

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Four neighbours attached, viz.:

Henry Combemartyn, by Thomas Broun and William le Rydere.

Laurence de Braughyng, by William le Chaundeler and William de Thele.

Nicholas Pyk, by Thomas le Cordewaner and Roger le Taillour.

Goscelin de Clive, by John de Shrouesbury and John le Barbour.

22. *On the death of William de Shropshyre.*

Farndone Without

Tuesday before the Feast of Annunciation B.M. [25 March] the same year, information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that William de Shropshyre, servant to Sir John de Norhamton, clerk of the Bishop of Lyncoln, lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in the rent of John Husk in the parish of St. Andrew de Holebourne, in the Ward of Farndone Without. Thereupon they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: John le Masoun, barber, Richard de Ledrede, John Tovy, John Tavy [*sic*], David de Tuttebury, Gilbert le Tieghlere, William Chapman, Stephen de Slebeche, "taillour," Andreu le Coupere, Richard Pakette, John de Norhamptone, "taillour," William le Mareschal and Roger Costantyn—say that on Sunday the Feast of St. Gregory last passed [12 March] the above William de Shropshire was wounded in the county of Middlesex in the High Street near Pourtepole[1] by some person or persons unknown. The corpse viewed on which appeared a mortal wound 5 inches long and penetrating to the brain.

23. *On the death of Mary, daughter of Agnes de Billingesgate.*

Douuegate

Tuesday before the Feast of St. George [23 April] the same year [A.D. 1340], information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that Mary, daughter of Agnes de Billingesgate, aged 9

[1] The manor of Pourtepole, the site of the present Gray's Inn.—Stow's 'Survey' (ed. Kingsford), ii. 371. Cf. Will of Simon de Gardino called "de Purtepole."—'Cal. of Wills, Ct. of Hust,' i. 48n.

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years, lay dead of a death other than her rightful death under the wharf of Thomas de Porkele in the parish of All Hallows upon the cellar,[1] in the Ward of Douuegate. Thereupon they proceeded thither and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the Ward of Langebourne, where the said Mary lived with her mother, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: Richard Andreu, William le Barber, John de Bandone, Thomas le Keu, William de Portesmouthe and William de Lychefeld of the Ward of Douuegate; Ralph de Toudeby, Geoffrey Payn, Robert Grigge, William Halpund, Richard le Brewere, Nicholas Markeday, William Thedom, Walter de Thakstede, Reginald le Skynnere, Edward le Cordewaner, Ivo le Coupere, and Nicholas atte Marche, skinner, of the Ward of Langebourne—say that on the preceding Sunday, after the hour of Vespers, the aforesaid Mary filled an earthen pot with water on the aforesaid wharf, the Thames being in flood, when she fell into the water and was drowned.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

Henry de Prestone, by Hugh de Portesmouthe and John le Barber.

Thomas de Ispania, by Stephen de Duresme and Giles le Taillour.

Bartholomew Deumars, by Richard de Carletone and Adam Lopechaunt.

William de Stanford, by Thomas de Adesham and Hugh de Spaldyngge.

24. *On the death of John Wrenche.*

Monday after the Feast of St. John *ante portam latinam* [6 May] the same year [A.D. 1340], information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that John Wrenche, esquire, lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in the High Street, opposite the rent of Peter de Grenestede in the parish of St. Christopher, in the Ward of Bradestrete. Thereupon, they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the two nearest Wards, viz.: Cornhulle and Langebourne, *Bradestrete*

[1] All Hallows the Less.

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they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: Henry Laurence, Peter le Chaundeler, Henry de Bernham, John Albetherowe, Godwin le Hodere, Thomas de Yepeswyche, barber, William de Bury, William Bereholt, John de Westwyk, "chaundeler," Henry atte Boure, Walter Mohant and William le Hore of the Ward of Bradestrete; Peter Daubeneye, John de Wodehous, Peter de Grenstede, Thomas Warysoun and Bartholomew de Bordesle of the Ward of Cornhulle; John Chapeler, William de Tuttebury and Robert de St. Alban of the Ward of Langebourne —say that on the preceding Sunday about sunset, William Walroun, "platemakere," and the above John Wrenche were quarrelling in the High Street in the aforesaid parish, when the said William struck the said John on the right breast with a knife called "thwytel," inflicting a mortal wound an inch broad and 5 inches deep, of which he immediately died. The felon fled, &c. The corpse viewed, &c. Precept to the Sheriffs, &c.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

John de Westwyk, by Richard Foul and John Thurgod.

William le Hore, by Roger de Shorne and Thomas Cristemasse.

Thomas atte Rededore, by John le Hosteler and John de Shorne.

Ralph de Cauntebregge, by Robert de Chesthunte and Walter de Oxon'.

25. *On the death of Johanna daughter of John Parlepott.*

Cornhulle Wednesday before the Feast of St. Dunstan [19 May] the same year, information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that the above Johanna, aged 7 days, lay dead of a death other than her rightful death in the rent of Godfrey de Claverynge in the parish of St. Michael on Cornhulle, in the Ward of Cornhulle. Thereupon they proceeded thither, and, having summoned good men of that Ward, and of the Ward of Langebourne, they diligently examined how it happened. The jurors—viz.: Gilbert de Brauncestre, John de Chilham, "coupere," Robert de Pountfreyt, John Motoun, Godfrey de Claverynge,

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Hugh de Wymbisshe, John le Pannebyndere, William de Bayone, Geoffrey le Shethere, Walter Credel, Ralph le Chaundeler and Gilbert le Haftere of the Ward of Cornhulle; Alexander de Watford, Roger Godchepe, Ivo le Coupere, John Munby (?), "cotiller," William Wyld, Edward le Cordewaner, Eustace le Skynnere, Reginald de Seyntomer, skinner, John de Bristoll (?), barber, and John Brabant of the Ward of Langebourne—say that on the aforesaid Wednesday at day-break the said Johanna died her rightful death, and not of any felony. The corpse viewed, &c.

26. *On the death of John Wardeyn of Romford*

Farndone Without

Thursday after the Feast of St. Petronilla [31 May] the same year, information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that the above John Wardeyn lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in the rent of William Martyn in the parish of St. Andrew de Holebourne, in the Ward of Farndone Without. Thereupon they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: Robert de Clyderowe, Andrew le Coupere, Gilbert le Tieghlere, William de Norhamptone, Richard de St. Giles, Richard Paket, Robert Raby, William le Mareschal, Thomas le Chaundeler, barber, Gilbert le Stryngere, John de Wylton, Richard atte Hulle (?), Robert de Excestre, "taillour," Roger de Dene, carpenter (*faber*), John de la Marche, cordwainer, Robert Haneper, William de Covyntre, carpenter, Henry le Webbe and John de Cornewaile—say that on Sunday after the Feast of St. Dunstan [19 May], at dusk, John Dysery assaulted the above John Wardeyn in the High Street of Holebourne; that the latter fled and was pursued by the said John Dysery who wounded him in the back with a long knife so that he died on Wednesday after the Feast of St. Petronilla at day-break. The felon captured and taken to Neugate. The corpse viewed, &c.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

Hugh de Arderne, by Roger Costantyn and Gilbert de Alemaygne.

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Andrew le Coupere, by Robert Petit and John Elys.

Thomas de Brynchele, by John Rote and Richard le Heymongere.

Robert le Mareschal, by Thomas Crabbe and Robert le Haneper.

27. *On the death of Henry le Callere.*

Crepelgate Within

Tuesday after the Feast of St. Petronilla [31 May], information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that the above Henry lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in the rent of Walter de Blechyngleye in the parish of St. Laurence, in the Ward of Crepelgate Within.[1] Thereupon they proceeded thither and having summoned good men of that Ward they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: Walter de Eldyngge, Thomas de S * * * le Coupere, William Dycoun, Henry de Flynt, Robert de Odyham, Walter de Shelfehaungre, "taillour," * * * Robert de Hermodesworthe, "chaundeler," Richard de Pycheford, Robert de Eggesfeld, "pursere," and William * * *—say that on the preceding Monday, after the hour of curfew the said Henry was going upstairs alone, when he fell down and died. The corpse viewed &c. The stair appraised by the jury at 18 pence, &c.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

William Trugge, by Richard le Brewere, and Richard le Malere.

Hamond de Toltham, by John de Kent, and Richard atte Hawe.

William de Worstede, by John de Arderne, and William atte Stake.

Walter de Blechyngleye, by John le Hosyere, and Robert atte Grene.

28. *On the death of Henry Overestolte, armourer.*

Douuegate

Wednesday after the Feast of St. Petronilla [31 May] the same year, information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs, that the above Henry lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in the Thames opposite "le Heywharf," in the parish of All

[1] Some mistake here, there being no parish of St. Laurence in that Ward.

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Hallows at the Hay,[1] in the Ward of Douuegate. Thereupon they proceeded thither, and, having summoned good men of that Ward they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: John le Freynsshe, "dyeghere," William atte Marche, Richard Andreu, Richard Masoun, cordwainer, John Roberd, William le Cordewaner, John de Graveshende, William atte Verye, Thomas atte Soler, Matthew le Barber, William Roland, John Henaud and Stephen de Dureme—say that on the preceding Sunday, after the hour of Vespers, the said Henry was bathing in the Thames, the river being in flood, when he was drowned. The body was not found until the Wednesday aforesaid. Precept to the Sheriffs, &c.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

Richard Andreu, by William de Dureme and Godfrey Pycard.

Herman le Skyppere, by Robert atte More and Thomas le Taillour.

John de la Rokele, by John Hanneye and Richard de Enefeld.

Thomas de Ispania, by Thomas Irysshman and John le Taillour.

29. *On the death of Geoffrey Berman, "brocour."*

Thursday after the Feast of St. Petronilla [31 May] the same year, information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that the above Geoffrey lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in the High Street opposite the rent of Thomas le Brewere, in the parish of St. Botulph without Bisshopesgate, in the Ward of Bisshopesgate. Thereupon, they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: John de Waltham, Godfrey atte Swan, John de Kent, fishmonger, John Wysman, Thomas le Gardyner, Geoffrey Serjant, John le Osteler, John de St. Alban, brewer, William de Wycombe, baker, Richard le Hert, fishmonger, William Darnel, Richard Malemeyn and John Verneye—say that on the pre- *Bisshopesgate*

[1] "Alhallowes church called Alhallowes the more in Thames streete for a difference from Alhallowes the less in the same street; it is also called Alhallowes *ad fœnum* in the Ropery, because hay was sold neare thereunto at hay wharfe." Stow, 'Survey' (ed. Kingsford), i. 235.

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ceding Wednesday, about the hour of Vespers, Adam de Bury and John his brother, "brokours," and Agnes la Lauender, mistress of the said John, assaulted the above Geoffrey in the High Street in the parish aforesaid, and wounded him with their swords and knives, the said John de Bury inflicting two mortal wounds on the left side of the belly with a long knife, and the said Adam inflicting a mortal wound on his forehead which penetrated the brain, so that he immediately died; and further, that the said Agnes seized and held the said Geoffrey during the attack. The said Adam, John, and Agnes were immediately captured and taken to Neugate prison.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

Thomas le Barbour, by John Jeryn and Hugh le Skynnere.

Nicholas Ponge, by John Heryng and Richard Frere, "taillour."

Geoffrey Serjant, by Geoffrey le Waryner and Adam de Lutone.

Peter de Hakeneye, by Richard de Chesthunt and Laurence le Cotiller.

30. *On the death of Thomas, son of Alice de Westwyk.*

Braaestrete Monday after the Feast of St. Botulph [17 June] the same year, information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that the above Thomas, aged 8 years, lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in the rent of Thomas Gynel in the parish of St. Martin de Oteswyche in the Ward of Bradestrete. Thereupon, they proceeded thither and having summoned good men of that Ward, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: Alan de Alcomery, brewer, Thomas de Chigewelle, Simon de Hodesdone, Roger le Peyntour, John Hervy, John de Ecles, William de Grenewyche, John atte Walle, John de Herlawe, John Megre, Adam le Barbour, Ralph de Bedeford, skinner, Robert de Shaldebourne, "taillour," and William le Bowyere—say that on the preceding Friday, at dusk, the above Thomas was walking alone in the said rent when he accidentally fell into a "treye" full of hot water, and scalded his head, neck, hands and arms, so that he died on the following Sunday. The "treye" appraised by the

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jury at 3 pence, for which Roger de Forsham, one of the Sheriffs will answer. The corpse viewed, &c.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

John de Totenham, by Richard de Welles and William de Derby.

Henry de Norhamptone, by Richard Foul and John Thurgod.

Thomas Lyoun, by Roger de Shorne and Thomas Cristemasse.

Reginald le Furbour, by John le Osteler and John de Shorne.

31.—On Friday the Feast of Translation of St. Thomas [7 July] a° 14 Edward III. [A.D. 1340], John, son of Richard Taillard de "Hameldone" [Hambleton] co. Rutland, confessed before John de Shirbourne, the Coroner of the City, in St. Paul's church, that on the Sunday before the Feast of Pentecost [7 June] a° 6 Edward III. [A.D. 1332] he feloniously killed Geoffrey Pope, servant of Sir Oliver de Ingham, in the vill of "Borewelle" [Burwell] co. Cambr., with a knife, and according to custom, he abjured the realm, the port of Southampton being assigned to him, whence to cross the sea on the fourth day. Chattels none.

32. *On the death of William Casse.*

Friday after the Feast of Translation of St. Thomas [7 July] the same year, information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that William Casse, an apprentice of the Bench, lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in the rent of Mary Box in the parish of St. Mary de Stanynglane in the Ward of Aldresgate. Thereupon they proceeded thither, and, having summoned good men of that Ward and of the two nearest Wards, viz.: Farndone Within and Crepelgate, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: Thomas de Grauntebregge, John de Chaumpaygne, John Burdeyn, John le Goldbetere, Nicholas Horn, Roger de Woxebregge, Richard de Kent, John de Lollestone and Thomas de Wyrcestre of the Ward of Aldresgate; John de Hereford, William de Blythe, Robert de Herlawe, Richard de Arderne, John Sharpe, Geoffrey atte Gate, William Neucome, *Aldresgate*

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and John de Caustone, of the Ward of Farndone Within; Robert de Pertenhale, Ralph le Gyldere, William le Mareschal, Richard de Pycheford, Roger le Naylere, John atte Welle and Richard de Maydenstan of the Ward of Crepelgate—say that on Monday after the Feast of SS. Peter and Paul [29 June] a° 14 Edward III. [A.D. 1340] a certain John, son of Richard "Taillard" of Hameldone co. Rutland, called John Hytone, met the above William Casse about the third hour of the day, in Chepe opposite St. Vedast lane in the Ward of Farndone Within, and, at the instigation of Robert de Wyleby, Knt., of co. Northampton, struck him with a short knife, inflicting two wounds, viz., one on the left arm and the other under the left breast, of which he died on the Friday after the Feast of the Translation of St. Thomas aforesaid. The said John "Tayllard" immediately took refuge in St. Paul's church where he remained until the Friday on which death took place and then he abjured the realm before the Coroner for the death of Geoffrey Pope, servant of Sir Oliver de Ingham, as above recorded.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

John Burdeyn, by Nicholas de Tothale and Nicholas le Brewere.

Gilbert de Stayndrope, by Richard de Kent and Thomas le Gyldere.

Thomas de Grauntebregge, by Gilbert le Bokeler and John le Naylere.

John Box, by Richard de Henney and John de Chichestre.

33. *On the death of John son of John Russel "cardemakere"* [1]

Bredstrete Sunday before the Feast of St. Margaret [20 July] the same year, information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that the above John, aged 9 days, lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in the rent of John de Kyngestone in the parish of

[1] Maker of "cards," or toothed instruments for carding wool. The cardmakers, as a body, were associated with Pinners and Wyredrawers. See 'Cal. Letter-Book G,' pp. 63-4; 'Letter-Book H,' p. 50; 'Letter-book K,' pp. 42-3.

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St. Werburga the Virgin[1] in the Ward of Bredstrete. Thereupon, they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: John de Ware, John de Denham, William Agodeshalf, Master Adam le Carpenter, Thomas de Westmenstre, Robert le Tyeghlere, John le Wasshere, John Fevere, Thomas Rycher, Thomas de Redyngge, William de Toppesfeld, Augustine le Cordewaner, Richard de Herdele and Thomas de Cheyham—say that on the preceding Saturday the said John died his rightful death and not of any felony. The corpse viewed, &c.

34. *On the death of William de Langebrigge, carpenter.*

Saturday the Feast of St. Mary Magdalen [22 July] information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that the above William lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in the rent of Nicholas de la Beche, Knt., in the parish of St. Martin de Oteswyche, in the Ward of Bradestrete. Thereupon, they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: Thomas de Chigewelle, Robert de Halteby, brewer, Alan de Alcombury, brewer, John de Totenham, carpenter, Thomas Voche, "peyntour," Robert de Normantone, John de Helgeye, barber, Thomas Corf, Edmund le Kervere, Roger de Popham, "pyntour" [*sic*], John Nazard, Roger de Walsham, John le Sponere, Geoffrey le Armourer, John de Becles, Peter de Tytemersshe, Henry le Ledrede, baker, Thomas de Newemarket, "keu," Walter le Hebbere, John de Kelshulle, Walter Mohant, Peter atte Rede Dore, Richard de Aldebourne, skinner, and John de Faveresham, cordwainer—say that on Sunday after the Feast of Translation of St. Thomas [7 July] a° 14 Edward III. [A.D. 1340], after the hour of curfew, Richard Polliscroft and William Aleyn *Bradestreie*

[1] Afterwards known as St. John the Evangelist. In 1349 the parish church is recorded as that of St. John the Evangelist and St. Wereburga." See Will of John de Kyngeston himself in 'Cal. of Wills, Court of Hust.' i. 596. *Cf. supra*, Roll I. 14. Stow describes the parish church of St. John the Evangelist as "sometime of *Werbridge*"! 'Survey' (ed. Kingsford), i. 351.

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de Stevyntone, masons, John Lewe, Adam de Stevyntone, John atte Wolde de Stevyntone and Robert Davy de Stevyntone, young men of the craft of masons, met the above William in the High Street opposite the rent of John de Yakesle in the said Ward, and assaulted him on account of an old quarrel, the said William Aleyn striking him over the head with a "balghstaf" and bringing him to the ground where Richard Polliscroft hit him with a knife called "bydawe" inflicting a mortal wound on his back four inches deep and one and a-half inches broad; that, thereupon, John Lewe, Adam de Stevyntone, John atte Wolde and Robert Davy struck him in all parts of his body with "balghstafs" leaving him half dead; that the said William Aleyn and John atte Wolde were captured and taken to the house of Roger de Forsham, the Sheriff, whilst Richard Polliscroft, John Lewe, Adam de Stevyntone and Robert Davy took flight, but whither, &c., the jurors know not. No chattels. The said William de Langebrigge lingered until Friday the eve of St. Mary Magdalen aforesaid, when he died, after dinner, of his wounds. The corpse viewed, &c. Precept to the Sheriffs, &c.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

John de Totenham, by John Burre and John Wolf.

Henry atte Boure, by Edward Moundele, and Thomas de Bartone.

Simon de Chikeshant, by Nicholas Brekevyle, and John de Westwyk.

Thomas Lyouns, by John le Osteler and John Thurgod.

35. *On the death of Mathew de Branketre.*

Crepelgate Without

Wednesday the morrow of St. James Ap. [25 July] the same year, information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that the above Mathew lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in the rent of Thomas de Westmenstre in the parish of St. Giles, in the Ward of Crepelgate Without. Thereupon they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: Thomas Spray, William de Knaresburgh, "smyth," John le Longe,

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brewer, John de Porkele, John Hanekyn, Simon de Porkele, Walter de Stocwelle, John Prynce, Richard de "Dunmawe," John Ballard, Adam Davy, John le Barbour, Richard de Stocwell, William Pygoun, Hugh de Lemenstre, cordwainer, John le Flecher, and Stephen de Waldene—say that on Tuesday before the Feast of St Dunstan [19 May] last passed, at the hour of Vespers, Adam de Newcastle and John Vyntsouth, with swords drawn, assaulted the said Mathew in the High Street opposite the church of St. Giles aforesaid, wounding him on the head and back, and nearly severing his left hand; that the said Mathew lingered until Tuesday the Feast of St. James Ap. [25 July] when he died of his wounds. The said Adam was captured and taken to Neugate, whilst John Vyntsouth took flight, but whither, &c., the jurors know not. Chattels none. The corpse viewed, &c. Precept to the Sheriffs, &c.

Four neigbours attached, viz.:

Richard de "Donmowe," by John de Westheye and Hugh atte Kocke.

Gilbert le Chaloner, by John de Muncheham and John le Brewere.

Richard de Stocwelle, by John le Pursere and John Neel.

Robert de Haryngeye, by Ralph de St. Alban and Richard atte Lane.

36. *On the death of Peter de Bermondeseye, "portour."*

Saturday after the Feast of St. James Ap. [25 July] the same year, information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that the above Peters lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in the port (*portu*) of Oystergate,[1] in the parish of St. Magnus in Bridge Ward. Thereupon they proceeded thither, and *Bridge*

[1] Identified in 1415 with Ebgate ('Cal. Letter-book I,' p. 138), although in 1312 "Oistergate" and "Ebbegate" are recorded as distinct wharves ('Memorials,' p. 95). In the will of William atte Welle (A.D. 1348) "Ebbegate" is recorded as being in the parish of St. Laurence Pountney ('Cal. of Wills,' i. 566). On the other hand, Stow states that although the water-gate itself stood near the church of St. Laurence Pountney it was really in the parish of *St. Martin Orgar*. ('Survey,' ed. Kingsford, i. 42).

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having summoned good men of that Ward, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: Stephen Lucas, John le Chaundeler, Thomas de Hadham, brewer, Richard le Gyldere, John de Grenewyche, John Albourgh, Henry de Hachesham, Robert Breynt, Peter Godwyne, John de Borham, John atte Hegge, Henry Frosshe, Richard Anable, Stephen le Furbour, Robert de Robury, William Loutebourgh and Thomas le Furbour—say that on the preceding Friday, at the hour of Vespers, the said Peter was riding a grey horse belonging to Robert Cros, fishmonger, in the water of the Thames in the port aforesaid when he fell off and was drowned. Being asked whether anyone had frightened the horse,[1] the jurors say they know not. The horse on leaving the water was taken to the house of Robert Cros in the same Ward. The horse appraised by Robert de Kent, junior, and John Hascard, horse-dealers, William de Clopham and Henry Frosshe at 5s., for which Roger de Forsham, one of the Sheriffs, will answer.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

Adam Lucas, by Robert de Evere and Henry de Colchestre.

Robert Swote, by Gilbert le Dyeghere and Roger Sharpe.

Robert de Thorneye, by Andrew Cros and Thomas Gandre.

William de Mordone, by Reginald le Furbour and John Michel.

37. *On the death of John Gremet.*

Tower Saturday after the Feast of St. Bartholomew [24 Aug.] the same year, information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that John Gremet, groom (*garcio*) of the kitchen of Dame Philippa, Queen of England, lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in the rent of Richard Pylke in the parish of All Hallows de Berkyngcherche, in Tower Ward. Thereupon, they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of that Ward they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: Thomas

[1] At the *Iter* of 1244 the Justices had committed a man to prison for having foolishly frightened a horse, and so unwittingly caused a death, eight years before.—*Liber Albus*, i. 97.

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le Leche, Robert de Waltecart, John de Brygham, Robert le Coupere, John le Barber, William le Skynnere, John de Ely, Henry Milkeman, Richard le Dyeghere, Francis de Rokesle, John de Tilbroke, Nicholas le Dyeghere, Henry le Smyth, William le Chaundeler and Peter atte Vyne—say that on the preceding Friday, at the hour of Vespers, the above John Gremet met Peter Tremenel a servant of the household of the said Dame Philippa on the bank of the Thames opposite the Tower postern; and because of a quarrel that had arisen between them in the Tower th same day, the said John drew a long knife and wounded the said Peter in three places; that thereupon the said Peter struck the said John with a short knife, inflicting a mortal wound on the throat 4 inches deep and one inch broad, so that he died the same day. The said Peter took refuge in the church of All Hallows de Berkyngcherche. Chattels none. The corpse viewed, &c. Precept to the Sheriffs to attach the said Peter when found out of sanctuary, &c.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

Walter Clenehond, by John de Pountoyse and Wlliam Horsy.

John le Hurer, by John Shepeye and John Bode.

Guy le Hurer, by William le Scot and William le Bakere.

William Priour, by Simon Whitberd and John Sturgoyl.

On the aforesaid Saturday, the above Peter Tremenel, in the church of All Hallows de Berkyngcherche, confessed his felony before the Coroner and Sheriffs, and said that he was so badly wounded that he could not leave the church except at risk of death, but was prepared to submit to the will of the King's officers when he recovered his health. The said Peter appeared to be very badly wounded.

38. *On the death of John Bone, "dyeghere."*

Monday after the Feast of St. Bartholomew [24 Aug.] the same year, information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that the above John Bone lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in a well (*fonte*) in the rent of Gregory atte Shire in the parish of St Andrew de Estchepe, in Billingsgate Ward. There- *Billing[esgate]*

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upon they proceeded thither, and, having summoned good men of that Ward they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: Simon Cook, "webbe,"[1] Roger le Chaundeler, Thomas atte Greene, "webbe," William Sharpe, "webbe," John Vynour, Andrew Matheu, John de Wrotham, "turnour," William de Aylesbury, "turnour," Richard de Elmerigge, "taillour" Hugh Joye, Richard le Pursere, and Robert Muryet, "taillour"—say that on the aforesaid Monday the said John Bone was going down the well by means of a long "pole" to recover a bucket which was there, when he fell and, there being but little water in the well, he immediately died. Precept to the Sheriff to cause the well to be stopt up and to attach four of the nearest neighbours. The pole appraised at one penny for which Roger de Forsham, one of the Sheriffs, will answer.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

John Youn, by John de Whittewelle and Martin le Bakere.

Richard de Lombhuth, by Peter Sterre and John de Donstaple, skinner.

Simon de Cantuar', "carpenter," by John Reve and Thomas atte Knolle.

Thomas Prentiz, by Gilbert atte Crouche, "taillour," and Robert de Hakeneye.

39. *On the death of Ralph Turk.*

Bridge Monday after the Feast of St. Bartholomew [24 Aug.] the same year, information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that the above Ralph Turk, servant of John Turk, fishmonger, lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in the rent of the said John Turk, in the parish of St. Magnus in Bridge Ward. Thereupon, they proceeded thither and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the three nearest Wards, viz.: Walebroke, Douuegate, and Candelwykstrete, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: William Walkerne, John Cotekyn, James atte Pirye, Henry atte Beche, John atte Gate, William

[1] Weaver.

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Gandre, Reginald le Furbour, and Richard Anable of Bridge Ward; John le Neve, Robert de Hatfeld, John le Clerk, Richard Fox, John de Bissheye, Henry le Neve, and John le Neve, junior, of the Ward of Walebroke; Henry de Prestone, Thomas de Ispania, Hugh de Spaldyngge, Roger de Waltham, Henry de Stystede, John atte Gotere, John de Waltham, William de Chesham and John de Bandone of the Ward of Douuegate; William atte Noke, Adam de Canefeld, John Lemman, Richard de Herford, John de Walworth and William de Colkyrk of the Ward of Candelwykstrete—say that on Wednesday the morrow of St. Peter *ad vincula* [1 Aug.] a° 14 Edward III. [A.D. 1340], after dinner, John de Oxon', skinner, servant of Robert de Eynsham, skinner, assaulted Nicholas le Leche, "pessoner," in Walebrok opposite the shop of the said Robert on account of an old quarrel, and that thereupon Ralph Turk, Robert Halpeny and Simon Haunsard, fishmongers, came to the assistance of the said Nicholas whilst John de Cornubia, called "Lyttle Jakke," servant of Gilbert de Bosenham, skinner, and certain others of the same mistery, names unknown, came to the assistance of the said John de Oxon', and that the said John de Cornubia struck the said Ralph Turk on the top of the head with an instrument called "polax," inflicting a mortal wound of which he died on the following Sunday. They further say, that John Kaynel, "taillour," came to the assistance of the said John de Cornubia with a staff, but did not use it. The said John de Cornubia and others of his company, names unknown, immediately fled, but whither, &c., the jurors know not. They further say that John de Oxon' was the chief cause of the felony, and he was captured and taken to Neugate. Being asked if the said John struck the said Ralph or not, the jurors say Not, but that he began the quarrel which caused Ralph's death, and more than that they cannot learn. Precept to the Sheriff to attach the said John de Cornubia, the felon, and the rest of his company, when known, also John Kaynel, Robert Halpeny and Simon Haunsard who were present and four nearest neighbours.

And inasmuch as the quarrel in which the said Ralph Turk was wounded originated between John de Oxon' of the mistery of Skinners, and the said Nicholas le Leche of the mistery of

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Fishmongers,[1] precept was issued to the Sheriff to summon an inquest of the best, richest and wisest men of the mistery of Skinner's for the following Wednesday, and a like inquest of the mistery of Fishmongers for Thursday next, in order to enquire more fully into the death.

Second inquest taken before the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs on the death of the said Ralph Turk on Wednesday after the Feast of St. Bartholomew [24 Aug.] the same year. The jurors —viz.: William de Cave, R * * * de Carletone, Thomas de Farnham, John de Bedeford, Walter Page, Simon Rote, John Trappe, Elias Dy * *, Hugh de Seynt Ned, William de Wyrcestre, Richard de Stykeneye, Robert de Eynesham, Richard de Lyncoln, Laurence Sely, Simon de Pulham, Robert de Seynt Johan and Walter de Cornewaile of the mistery of Skinners—say that on the Wednesday aforesaid, after dinner, Geoffrey Horn, skinner, servant of Robert de Stodham, skinner, struck the said Ralph Turk in the High Street of Walebroke, opposite the shop of Robert de Eynsham, with an instrument called a "sparth,"[2] inflicting a mortal wound on the back of the head, penetrating the brain, whereof he immediately died. The said Geoffrey took flight, but whither, &c., the jurors know not. No chattels. The said "sparth" was afterwards found in the house of Robert de Stodham and was appraised at 6*d.*, for which Roger de Forsham, one of the Sheriffs, will answer. Being asked if the said Robert abetted the felony, the jurors say No. Precept to the Sheriffs, &c.

Third inquest taken before the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs

[1] An enquiry as to this affray and another which took place on the same day in Pridge Street in which Andrew Aubrey, the Mayor, the Sheriffs and their officers were assaulted, had been already held by the Sheriffs in the presence of John de Shirbourne, the Coroner, on Thursday after the Feast of St. Peter ad Vincula [1 Aug.], no fewer than five different juries being summoned. — "Pleas and Memoranda," Roll A 3, memb. 15, 15 dors. On the same day at a Congregation of the Mayor, Aldermen and Sheriffs and an "immense commonalty," Thomas, son of John Haunsard, and John le Brewere, "portour," who were found guilty of the assault upon the Mayor, were beheaded in Chepe near the Stone Cross.—"Hust. Common Pleas," Roll 64, memb. 30.

[2] An axe or halberd. Cf. *supra* Roll C, 1. Apparently the same as a "Polax" mentioned *infra*.

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on Thursday after the Feast of St. Bartholomew. The jurors—viz.: Gilbert de Mordone, John Lambyn, John Youn, Robert de Stoctone, Thomas de Ware, Richard de Lambhuthe, * * * de Kyngestone, Geoffrey Horn, John le Lytle, John Thomelyn, John de Swaneshuthe and Thomas atte Grene of the mistery of Fishmongers—say that on the Wednesday aforesaid Robert Stodham, skinner, with the aid of John de Oxon', skinner, servant of Robert de Eynesham, skinner, John de Cornubia called "Lyttle Jakke," servant of Gilbert de Bosenham, skinner, struck the said Ralph at the place aforesaid, with an instrument called "polax," inflicting a mortal wound on the back of the head whereof he died. Precept to the Sheriffs, &c. The said Robert de Stodham afterwards surrendered himself.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

John de Mockyng, by John de Kyngestone and Nicholas atte Gate.

John Turk, by Richard Paterlyng and Robert de Evere.

John de Croydone, by Robert Breynt and Adam de Ware.

Robert Swote, by William Rothyng and John Olyver.

Those present, viz.: John Kaynel, Robert Halpeny and Simon Haunsard could not be found. They have no goods or chattels.

40. *On the death of Nicholas le Belymakere.*[1]

Monday after the Feast of Nativity B.M. [8 Sept.] the same year, information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that the above Nicholas lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in Neugate prison. Thereupon, they proceeded thither and having summoned good men of the neighbourhood of Neugate, and of the Ward of Aldresgate where the said Nicholas was said to have been wounded, and also the Ward of Crepelgate Without, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: William Josepe, Walter de Berkhampsted, John de Chesewyk, senior, and Peter le Barber of the neighbourhood of Neugate; Thomas de Chacombe, Geoffrey de Haryngeye, William de *Neugate*

[1] Perhaps meaning bellows-maker.

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Thame, William de Somersete, brewer, John Picot, John atte Gate, Robert de Excestre, Adam in the Lane, Thomas Melman, Adam de Salesbury, Robert le Frensshe and John de Stotfold of the Ward of Aldresgate; Ralph de St. Alban, John le Rede, John Sproteman, Thomas le Brewere, John de Westeye, John de Muncheham, John Alysaundre, William de St. Alban, and William Bekeleswade of the Ward of Crepelgate Without—say that on Sunday the morrow of St. Mary Magdalen [22 July] a° 14 Edward III. [A.D. 1340], at dusk, the aforesaid Nicholas assaulted Roger le Rakyere in the High Street opposite the rent of the Prior of Bernewelle[1] without Aldresgate; that the said Roger thereupon struck the said Nicholas with a knife called "baselard," inflicting a wound on the left side of the head 4 inches long and penetrating to the bone; that the said Nicholas, thus wounded, withdrew, and on Sunday after the Feast of St. Peter ad Vincula [1 Aug.] assaulted John, son of John atte Pyry, at whose suit the said Nicholas was seized and carried to Neugate prison where he remained until he died of his wound on the Monday aforesaid. The corpse viewed, &c. Precept to the Sheriffs to attach Roger le Rakyere, the felon, and four nearest neighbours.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

Hugh de Croydone, by Robert le Taillour and William de Berkhampsted.

Roger atte Belhous, by John Joye and William le Turnour.

William de Lyndeseye, by Francis le Sadelere and Robert in the "Levys."

Simon le Mareschal, by Richard le Bakere and John Boycrof, "chaundeler."

41. *On the death of Walter Waldeshej.*

Walebroke Monday after the Feast of Nativ. B.M. [8 Sept.] the same year, information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that the above Walter lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in the rent of John de St. Edmund in the parish of St. Swythin, in

[1] Barnwell, an Augustinian Priory near Cambridge.

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the Ward of Walebroke. Thereupon, they proceeded thither and having summoned good men of that Ward and of the Ward of Langebourne, where the said Walter was said to have been wounded, they diligently enquired how it happened. The jurors—viz.: Henry le Neve, John le Neve, junior, John Nogent, William de Oxon', "taillour," John de Wirle, Richard Bisett, William de Bradeston, "taillour," and Andrew de Clyfford, "taillour," of the Ward of Walebroke; Robert de Stratford, Edward le Cordewaner, William Wastel, William Hamslap, Eustace le Skynnere, William Halpound, William Wylde, Gilbert de Gatesdene, Robert Grigge, Richard le Brewere, Richard Sharpe and William Colepepir, skinner, of the Ward of Langebourne—say that on Monday before the Feast of Decollation of St. John Bapt. [29 Aug.] a° 14 Edward III. [A.D. 1340] at the hour of curfew, Godekin de Houndesbergh of Brabant and Henry de Houndesbergh of Brabant, his kinsman, assaulted the above Walter in the High Street of Lumbardestrete opposite the church of St. Edmund the King with their drawn swords, wounding him in many places, and took flight, leaving him half dead; that the said Walter lingered until the Monday aforesaid when he died at day-break of his wounds. The chattels of the said Godekin appraised by oath of John le Mareschal of Bisshopesgate, Thomas de Northerne, "mareschal," Richard le Mareschal of Grascherche, Adam de Oudeby, Richard de Waldene, Thomas Mohant and Walter de Oxon', viz.: a "dun" horse at 13*s.* 4*d.*; a white horse at 10*s.*; a gown of russet at 9*d.*; two small gowns of ray, much worn, at 14*d.*; an old cloak at 3*d.*; an old helm (*helma*) with two "braceres" at 12*d.*; a small chest and a knife at 9*d.* Total 27*s.* 3*d.* for which Roger de Forsham, one of the Sheriffs, will answer.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

John de St. Edmund, by John de Thorpe and John le Bole.

William de Braughhyngge, by Robert de Lincoln and Adam de Wrastlyngworth.

Thomas de Cantuar', by Robert de Cnapwell and Adam de Bury.

John le Neve, by Robert de Makeseye and Nicholas de Bentele.

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ROLL I

Temp. *William Hockele sub-coroner of the lord the King in the City of London, John Tornegold and William Dykeman Sheriffs of the same, from the Feast of St. Michael* [29 *Sept.*] *a°* 41 *Edward III* [*A.D.* 1367] *until the said Feast in the year following.*

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1. *On the death of John Farnaham of North Wokyndone,*[1] *clerk*

Lymhostes

Wednesday the Feast of St. Michael [29 Sept.] a° 41 Edward III. [A.D. 1367], information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that a certain John Farnaham of North Wokyngdone, clerk, was found drowned in the water of the Thames in "le Flete" at "le Lymhostes"[2] within the liberty of the City of a death other than his rightful death. Thereupon they proceeded thither and having summoned good men of the Ward of Byllyngesgate and the two nearest Wards, viz.: Bridge and Tower, they diligently enquired how he met his death. The jurors—viz.: John de Welford, skinner, Richard atte Felde, William Bartone, "webbe," Thomas "Vinsent," Richard Spicer, Walter Hampstede, cordwainer, Thomas Seveyne, glover, Robert Hebbe, and John Mounserell of the Ward of Byllyngesgate; Richard Braughinge, tailor, John Noris, John Colewelle, Robert Dobyn, Simon Wyntir, William Spencer, Roger Cook, William Lacer and John Mounserell of Bridge Ward; John Pays,

[1] North Okendon, or Ockendon, co. Essex, near Orsett.

[2] Limehouse. Another inquest on the death of a seaman who was killed in the same locality is recorded as having taken place in 1417.—'Cal. Letter-Book I,' p. 185.

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sherman, Simon Bremyshull and William "Spencer" of Tower Ward—say that on Wednesday after the Feast of Exaltation of Holy Cross [14 Sept.] the year aforesaid, at dusk, the aforesaid John Farnaham entered a boat belonging to John Sevar of Portesokene of the parish of Alvenithele[1] co. Essex, which boat lay in the Thames near "Botulphuswharff," in the parish of St. Botulph in the Ward of Byllyngesgate, desiring to voyage in her to the vill of North Wokyngdon;[2] that whilst he and his fellow travellers lay asleep waiting for the tide, a great storm of wind and rain arose and overturned the boat near the bridge in the Ward and parish aforesaid, so that the said John fell into the water and was drowned; that his corpse was carried hither and thither until Wednesday after the Feast of St. Michael when it was found cast by the water in "le Flete," at "le Lymhostes." The corpse viewed, &c. The vessel and its belongings appraised by the jury at 20*s*. Being asked what became of the boat, they say that the said John Sevar, the same night, took it and sailed away. Precept to the Sheriff to attach the boat, &c., when found in their bailiwick.

Four neighbours attached, viz.:

William Olney, by Thomas "Vyncent," "webbe," and William Lacer, tailor.

Nicholas de Extone, by John Pays and William Spenser.

Adam Canoun, by John Talbot, tailor, and William Sweyne.

William Shirbourne, by Simon Wynter and John de Bartone.

[1] Alveley, or Aveley, near Purfleet. Variously spelt "Alvithley," "Alvethele," &c.

[2] Apparently by ascending a rivulet which passes Aveley and falls into the Thames at Purfleet.

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Temp. *William de Hockele Coroner of London under William de Strete, the King's Butler, Robert de Hatfeld and Adam Stable, Sheriffs of the said City, from the 3rd September a° 46 Edward III.* [A.D. 1372] *until the Feast of St. Michael next following.*

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2. *On the death of Whygher Water van Campe, Ducheman, shipman.*

Wappyng atte Wose

Saturday 4 Sept. a° 46 Edward III. [A.D. 1372], information given to the aforesaid Coroner and Sheriffs that a certain Whyger Water van Campe, "Ducheman," lay dead of a death other than his rightful death in the stream of the Thames in a certain "Breche" near Wappyngge atte Wose,[1] *thirty-two feet within the liberty of the City*. Thereupon, they proceeded thither, and having summoned good men of the four nearest Wards, viz.: Portesokne, Tower, Billyngesgate and Algate Within, they diligently enquired how he came by his death. The jurors—viz.: Geoffrey Baret, Simon de Stralle, "ferour," Nicholas Hunt, "joynour," John Frensshe, John Alkoc, and Stephen Lalleford of the Ward of Portesokne; William Warkworth, Thomas Graunger, "Waricius" Hatfeld, skinner, and Paul Smale of Tower Ward; Richard Webbe, "taillour," John Wytleseye, Walter Mord * * and John Burskote of the Ward of Billingesgate; William Friday, Robert Otrye, John Berneman, and Thomas Gernoun of the Ward of Algate within—say [*breaks off abruptly.*]

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Four neighbours attached, viz.:
Adam Rous, by William Somerforde and Richard Rose.
Robert Wetheresfeld, by Alan Payn and Thomas Lylye.
Gilbert Lyrp', by Robert Charletone and Richard Bore.
William Whelpele, by William Brome and John Claydone.

[1] Ouse, or Wash (Lat. *Wasa*), so-called from the locality being frequently flooded by the river.

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3. *On the death of Alditha, wife of William Gryndere.*

Tuesday before the Feast of SS. Pepetua and Felicitas [7 March] a° 49 Edward III. [A.D. 1374–5], it happened that a certain Alditha, wife of William Gryndere, a pauper and mendicant, lay drowned in the ditch of the Hospital of St. Katherine near the Tower postern, in the parish of St. Botulph without Algate, in the Ward of Portesokne, within the liberty of the City.[1] Thereupon, on hearing this, the said William de Hockele, then Coroner of the City, proceeded thither, and diligently received the inquisition of good men of the said Ward of Portesokne, and of two other Wards—viz.: Tower and Lymstret, touching the said death. The jurors—viz.: Robert Ward, brewer, William Stoill, Roger Hastyngge, John Greylond, John Warde, skinner, Elyas Erneys, Thomas Waryner, John de Gloucestre, "milkman," of the Ward of Portesokne; Adam Bartelot, fuller, Robert Waleys, hosteller, * * Essex, "plastrer," of Tower Ward, William Dene, cordwainer, John Scryveyn, sherman, and Robert Fyseleye, "brasyere," of the Ward of Lymestrete [*ends abruptly*].

4.—Inquest held before Nicholas Symcok, Coroner of London, Nicholas Twyford and Andrew Pykeman, Sheriffs of the City, on Wednesday after the Feast of Annunciation B.M. [25 March] a° 1 Richard II. [A.D. 1378] on the death of Thomas Ballard of Clyve co. Kent,[2] "shipman," whose body was found the same day submerged in the water of the Thames and thrown by the tide on to the land between the Hospital of St. Katherine near the Tower and a water-mill called "Crashemelle" in the parish of St. Botulph in the Ward of Portsokne. The jurors drawn from the said Ward and the Ward of Billyngesgate where the said Thomas was said to have fallen into the water, and from two other nearest Wards, viz.: Tower and Algate—William Stoill, Richard Morecok, Robert Warde, John Scarlet, Eustace Westwode,

[1] For the evidence brought forward by the civic authorities in 1428 to prove that the Tower of London and St. Katherine's Hospital were in the liberty of the City, see 'Cal.' Letter-Book K,' pp. 81–3.

[2] Cliffe.

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John Greylond of the Ward of Portesokne; John Elys, John Lutone, Henry Avenaunt, John Wodeham, junior, Simon Westone "chaundeler," Simon Sherman of the Ward of Billyngesgate; William Rydere of Tower Ward; John "Cadelle" and John Imberdene of the Ward of Algate—say that on Tuesday after the Feast of St. Gregory [12 March] the same year, one hour after noon (*post nonam*) the said Thomas Ballard was carelessly standing upon a manure heap on Billingesgate Wharf in the parish of St. Mary atte Hulle, and was trying to unfasten an empty boat called "cokbot" moored there, when the heap fell in from weak foundation, and he was thrown into the Thames and was drowned. His body was carried by the stream to the place where it was found. The corpse viewed, &c. The jurors further say that the boat was not moving and was not the cause of the death, but only the insecure bottom of the manure heap, which was of no value, and therefore the boat ought not to be forfeited to the King. Precept to the Sheriffs to attach four of the nearest neighbours of the Ward of Portesokne where the said Ballard was discovered dead.

Robert Ward attached by John Elys and John Lutone.
John Greylond, by Henry Avenant and John Wodham.
Thomas Clark, by Simon Westone and William Prichet.
John Scarlet, by William Ryder and John "Cadele."

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APPENDIX

APPRAISEMENT OF DEODANDS

A *ladder* off which one had fallen, variously valued at *2d.*, *3d.*, and *2s.* (A. 18, C. 14, E. 38, G. 2.)

A *stair*, under similar circumstances valued at *2d.*, *6d.*, *8d.*, *1s.*, *1s. 6d.*, and *2s.* (A. 2, 12, B. 18, F. 27, G. 5, 43, H. 27.)

The *steps of a wharf*, from which a woman fell into the river and was drowned—at *4d.* (D. 6.)

A *plank*, from which a man fell and was drowned, *6d.*, (H. 21).

A *horse* from off which a man fell and was drowned, *5s.* (H. 36); a horse that had kicked a person to death, *13s. 4d.* (A. 30, H. 16.)

A *bucket and rope* by which a man was letting himself down a well, when he fell and was drowned, *4d.* (D. 1.)

A *pole* by which a man was letting himself down into a well, when he fell, *1d.* (H. 38.)

A *bucket* with which a man was drawing water from a well when he fell in, *6d.* (D. 7.)

A *tray or trough* of hot water, causing death by scalding, variously valued at *2d.* and *3d.* (G. 8, H. 30.)

A *ladle* of scalding water, *2d.* (A. 31.)

A "*poket*" *of* "*Refus*" *Wool*, which a man was carrying when he slipped and mortally injured himself, valued at *13s. 4d.* (F. 34.)

A *cart and* 3 *horses* that had caused the death of a woman; the cart valued at *6s. 8d.*; the contents of cart *1s. 4½d.*; the first horse at *10s.*: the second (blind of both eyes) *4s.*; the third *6s.* (F. 10.)

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A *cart and 2 horses*, for crushing a man to death, valued at 20*s.* (G. 28.)

A *boat* out of which a man had been thrown and drowned, 20*s.* (I. 1.)

A *mast-rope* down which a man fell when drunk, 10*s.* (F. 5.)

A *shirt and beam* by which a man committed suicide, 3*d.* (B. 34.)

A *quart-measure*, ½*d.* (B. 18.)

A *sow* that had mauled an infant to death 1*s.* 1½*d.* (B. 29.)

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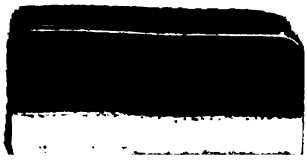

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